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"Gertie" was cut up and fed to the Inland furnaces the day she arrived at the mills.

"Old Gertie" Goes to War Inland Mine Hoist Makes Scrap for Hungry Furnaces

To help meet the critical need for scrap, an auxiliary mine hoist once affectionately known as "Gertie," was taken out of retirement at one of the Inland ore mines and shipped to the company's mills at Indiana Harbor. The need for scrap is so urgent that "Gertie" was cut up and fed to the hungry Inland furnaces the day she arrived at the mill. She was rolled into steel plates and soon will be part of a Liberty ship carrying vital war supplies to the fighting fronts.

"Gertie" is typical of many pieces of equipment in factories, mines, etc. throughout the country. Replaced by a modern electric hoist several years ago, this old mine hoist was stored because it "might come in handy some day." Holding old machinery, stacks, tanks, tools, jigs, dies, even partly finished parts, for possible future use is a commendable practice in ordinary times. But this is war—total war—and everything made of steel, that is not being used to produce for war, ought to be scrapped and started on its way to the steel mills at once.

Many steel mill furnaces are down, while millions of tons of needed scrap remain unreclaimed. The scrap situation is critical now and it will become more critical as winter approaches, unless management of American industry gives authority to scrap old equipment and materials. If you can't use it now—scrap it.

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CURRENT JOBS

.... and Who's Doing Them

Public—An industrial plant is under construction in Ohio by Holmes Construction Co., of Wooster, for \$20,000,000, to be financed by Defense Plant Corp. John A. Johnson & Sons. of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Andrew Christensen, of Elizabeth, N. J., were awarded a building contract in New Jersey, estimated to cost more than \$5,000,000. Contract for manufacturing plant expansion in Alabama went to C. G. Kershaw Contracting Co., of Birmingham, Walter Butler Co., Inc., of St. Paul, Minn., and Engineers. Ltd., of San Francisco, Calif., at an estimated cost of more than \$5,000,000 United Engineers & Constructors, Inc., of Philadelphia, will design and construct manufacturing plant in Pennsylvania, for over \$5,000,000. Buildings are under construction in Kansas by Metcalf & Hamilton, and Kansas City Bridge Co., of Kansas City, Mo., for approximately \$3,000,000. In Louisiana, plant expansion contract was awarded to Commercial Solvents Corp., of New York, estimated to cost over \$3,000,000. Nathan Fish and N. L. Bien, Inc., of Chicago, Ill., are building demountable housing units in Illinois, for \$2,345,000. Industrial plant will be built in Tennessee by Lummas Co., of New York City, for approximately \$2,000,000; Defense Plant Corp. will finance. Temporary frame buildings are under construction in Nebraska by Peter New York City, for approximately \$2,000,000; Defense Plant Corp. will finance. Temporary frame buildings are under construction in Nebraska by Peter Eiewit & Sons Co., and Geo. W. Condon Co., of Omaha, to cost between \$1,000,000 and \$5,000,000. Norgaard & Shaw, Villbig Bros., Inc., and Nathan Wohlefeld, of Dallas, Tex., were awarded contract to build naval air station in Texas, for \$3,366,667. Industrial plant in Tennessee is under way by Hegeman Harris Co., Inc., of New York City, at estimated cost of more than \$3,000,000. Contract for the construction of temporary frame buildings, clearing, grading and paving in South Carolina went to V. P. Loftis Co., of Charlotte, N. C., for approximately \$5,000,000. Wm. Linker Co., Inc., of Philadelphia, Pa., was awarded building contract in New Jersey, to cost between \$1,000,000 and \$5,000,000. In Arkansas, contract for temporary trame buildings and water distribution system was awarded to Magnolia Construction Co., of Jackson, Miss., at an estimated cost of \$5,000,000.

HEAVY CONSTRUCTION

Improvements are being made in Maryland by Brann & Stuart, of Philadelphia, Pa., for \$3,000,000. Sauer-Weiner & McClusky, of St. Paul, Minn., Philadelphia, Pa., for \$3,000,000. Sauer-Weiner & McClusky, of St. Paul, Minn., were awarded contract to make improvements in Missouri, at estimated cost of \$2,000,000. Contract for buildings and improvements in Kansas went to Busboom & Rauh. of Salina, for \$2,000,000. Improvements and grading contract in Missouri was awarded to Harper Construction Co., of Great Bend, Kan., with bid of \$2,000,000. Sewerage system to cost between \$1,000,000 and \$5,000,000 in New Jersey, is under way by Chas. F. Vachris. Inc., of Brooklyn, N. Y. Elmhurst Contracting Co., of Corona, N. Y, will build taxiways in New York, to cost between \$1,000,000 and \$5,000,000. Improvements contract in Missouri went to Jensen Construction Co., and Leck Construction Co., both of Minneapolis, Minn., for approximately \$5,000,000. Runways in builsiana, to cost between \$1,000,000 and \$5,000,000, are under construction by The Jones Bros., of Montgomery, Ala. Low bidders for improvements and grading contract in New Mexico were Nolan Bros. and C. A. Wagner Construction Co., Inc., of Minneapolis, Minn., with bid amounting to approximately \$5,000,000.

Among recent highway contract awards are the following: California: \$258,985 to Granite Construction Co., of Watsonville; \$336,340 to Union Paving Co., of San Francisco, Kansas: \$500,000—\$1,000,000 to Geo. Bennett Construction Co., of Kansas City, Kan.; \$1,000,000—\$5,000,000 to L. V. Hotes. of Kansas City, Mo., and Grant A. Stannard, of Wichita. Kentucky; \$600,684 to Codell Construction Co., of Winchester. Indiana: \$509,167 to Calumet Paving Co., of Indianapolis; Michigan: \$1,000,000—\$5,000,000 to M. J. Boyle of Chicago, Ill. Nebraska: \$1,000,000—\$5,000,000 to Ed. H. Honnen Construction Co., of Colorado Springs, Colo.; \$1,000,000—\$5,000,000 to C. W. Roberts. of Lincoln. New Jersey: \$901,732 to J. P. Burns, of Dumont. New York: \$500,000—\$1,000,000 to Sicilian Asphalt Paving Co., of New York. Pennsylvania: \$500,000—\$1,000,000 to Service Corp., of Camp Hill. South Dakota: \$1,000,000—\$5,000,000 to J. W. Craig Co., of Minneapolis, Minn.

DOUBLE FEATURE THIS MONTH

This issue of Construction Methods features in text and illustration two subjects of particularly timely interest to contractors and engineers:

- 1. Equipment Maintenance and Repair
- 2. Small Tools on Construction



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Born in the turmoil of the last war, he is shaping a new world with mighty swords and magic plowshares

GERMAN CONSUL-GENERAL HOSSENFELDER, writing from New York on March 3rd, 1916, to von Bethmann-Hollweg, chancellor of the Imperial German Government, confidently predicted defeat for the United States because we were totally dependent upon the great chemical industry of Germany. "Americans," he wrote, "can never establish such an industry. They have the resources but they lack the necessary science and technology. And, besides, the conflicting selfishness of American business renders it impossible."

Even before the ink was dry on Hossenfelder's letter a new figure appeared on the industrial scene—the American chemical engineer. With the help of patient, but progressive and venturesome capital, he laid the foundations for the largest and most resourceful chemical industry in the world.

Today he is an all-important figure. For we are fighting a chemical war, even though the emphasis that is placed on planes, tanks, ships, guns and other armament tends to obscure that fact. And this chemical engineer is waging war for us on a prodigious scale. Bombers carry more tons of more deadly explosives because he has developed stronger and lighter alloys and more efficient fuels. Tanks are better armored and wield heavier blows because of products and processes born in chemical laboratories. Ships are welded together by new metallurgical techniques that save precious months over older processes. Gun barrels that are made in minutes instead of hours shoot farther and faster because of better ammunition.

And quantity keeps pace with quality. By midyear of 1942, explosives were being produced in newly constructed plants twelve times faster than a year ago. Smokeless powder output has been doubled since December. Five times as much TNT was being made in July as in the months preceding Pearl Harbor. One single new plant produces more of this high explosive than did the entire pre-war industry—and several of these plants

already are in production.

By what Major General

By what Major General William N. Porter, Chief of the Chemical Warfare Service, calls a "miracle of production," the sort of incendiary bombs that General Doolittle's lads showered on Tokyo were rolling out of our plants within a few weeks after we got into the war. As General Porter puts it, "they were rolling not by hundreds or even thousands, but by the millions." That record he has cited as a tribute to the "ingenuity, industriousness and patriotism" of the American chemical industries.

Yet the General agrees that we have only started to produce in the tremendous volumes that will shortly make Germany, Italy and Japan "revolve on their boasted Axis." Our newest plants are just coming into production. They face no limiting shortages of materials for, in the main, our chemical industry draws its strength from coal, salt, sulphur, limestone, oil, natural gas, coal-tar, air and water—all available in abundance.

We have heard little about the use of poison gas by our enemies. It may be that good reasons for this are stored away in our well-stocked chemical arsenals. American chemical manufacturers have worked hard and long with our armed forces so that if the time ever comes to make good on the President's warning of retaliation, America will be more than ready.

And defense against gas has not been overlooked. Every soldier is equipped with a most efficient type of gas mask, developed through twentyfive years of intensive research. The Chemical Warfare Service already is manufacturing millions of masks for distribution to civilians. Let us hope we may never have to use them. But if we must, we need have little fear of any gas or secret chemical.

This gas mask program has been made possible by a literal metamorphosis of production facilities, as peacetime industries have been converted to war purposes. A lumber company, for example, is making activated carbon from sawdust. Novelty manufacturers of rubber goods are turning out valves and assembling other parts. Former manufacturers of shirts, swim-suits, shoes and beds have converted their facilities and are contributing their share. More than eleven hundred contractors and two hundred and fifty sub-contractors are supplying their full quotas of chemical warfare materials. And production is right up to schedule.

But the bulk of the war job of our chemical industries has to do with items other than weapons and ammunition. The German Consul-General, in that 1916 report to Berlin, said that many American industries were in a critical condition because of the scarcity of German chemicals. He related in particular that "the cries for help from the world of physicians are becoming louder and louder and more and more insistent." Thanks to louder and more and more insistent. our chemical industries this cry no longer is heard. Even though we are again cut off from quinine, camphor and some other strategic medicinals, our homes and hospitals are adequately supplied with synthetic products. Most of these are better and cheaper than the natural materials. The same sulfa drugs that have saved so many civilian lives in recent years have gone to war, with the result that deaths from infection at Pearl Harbor and Bataan are reported as surprisingly low. In this war we suffer no shortages of iodine and potash. Pioneering research in the field of vitamins has led to new industries that are contributing to health and better nutrition.

Those new uniforms the soldiers are wearing are of better quality and will last longer than the shody, ill-fitting outfits of 1918—thanks to sunfast dyes and new man-made products. And in the field of fabrics, nylon and the new rayons have gone to war in parachutes and super-strong cords for tank treads and tires.

And that brings up the question that 30,000,000 American motorists are asking with ever increasing concern. "When, Mr. Chemical Engineer, are you going to give us a set of new tires for the old family bus?"

That, I am told, is just what the chemical engineers have set about to do on a scale that is difficult to comprehend. In the words of Raymond Clapper, the columnist, "the synthetic rubber program for this year and the next is the biggest job of chemical engineering ever undertaken in the world." A billion dollar industry is being built at record speed to make almost a million tons a year of chemical rubber to serve our war needs and those of our allies. This cannot be accomplished overnight. Many months are required to design and fabricate complex equipment, much of which must be made from corrosion-resisting metals and

alloys. We shall be lucky if a tenth of the desired capacity is in continuous production this year and even more lucky if, by the end of next year, the new industry should be turning out synthetic rubber at a rate of 875,000 tons — using both petroleum and grain as raw materials.

All this, of course, must go for essential military uses but there is reason to believe that in the laboratory and pilot-plant stages we have some promising substitutes and stop-gap materials that may tide us over until the his program starts rellies.

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The present prospect of real success is possible only because of the cooperation of the chemical, rubber and petroleum industries. Individual firms and entire industries have set aside their normal desires and selfish interests to pool their patents, share their research and engineering developments for the common good. Synthetic rubber is here to stay as the basis for a great post-war industry: no doubt as to that lingers in the minds of the men who have seen many other natural products—indigo, alizarine, camphor, vanillin—all eventually fall before the ingenuity of the chemical industry.

In the coming peace to which we look forward hopefully, we shall find a new world full of new materials, new conveniences, new jobs, new opportunities, all stemming out of the present-day work of the chemical engineer. The same tough, transparent plastics that now make noses for bombers will give us new frameless windows for our homes and automobiles. With capacity to produce at least 2½ billion pounds of aluminum, which is five or six times pre-war production, and a magnesium capacity 50 or 60 times the pre-war figure, many new uses will develop for these structural materials of great strength and amazing lightness. Almost anything that flies, runs, moves, or otherwise is motive, will have a place for them. New fibers such as nylon and vinyon had scarcely got started before they were put to war use. Once the war is over they will be with us in greater abundance and at lower cost for a variety of uses so vast and so diverse that we can scarcely imagine them.

And the chemical engineer continues to create and to invent. He meets the challenge of scarcities and shortages with ever new "substitutes" that excel their originals. Even before the war is over he will have placed at our command a hundred new materials which we did not have before. His workshop is all industry. His contributions are as limitless as are our needs.

But right now his all-important job is to help win the war; to fight to a finish the ruthless and resourceful enemies that are devoting all their science and technology to bring about our defeat. So, as we take stock of our assets in this desperate struggle, we count among the first the proved resourcefulness of the research-minded chemical engineers we now have mobilized to help us fight this chemical war.

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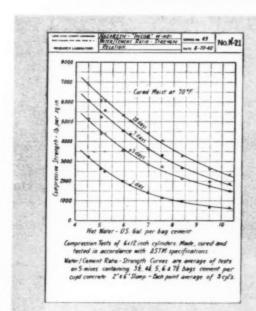
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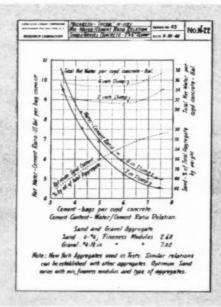
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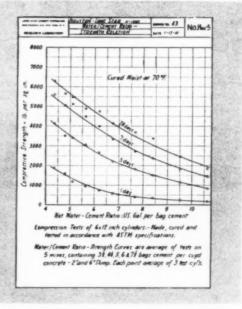
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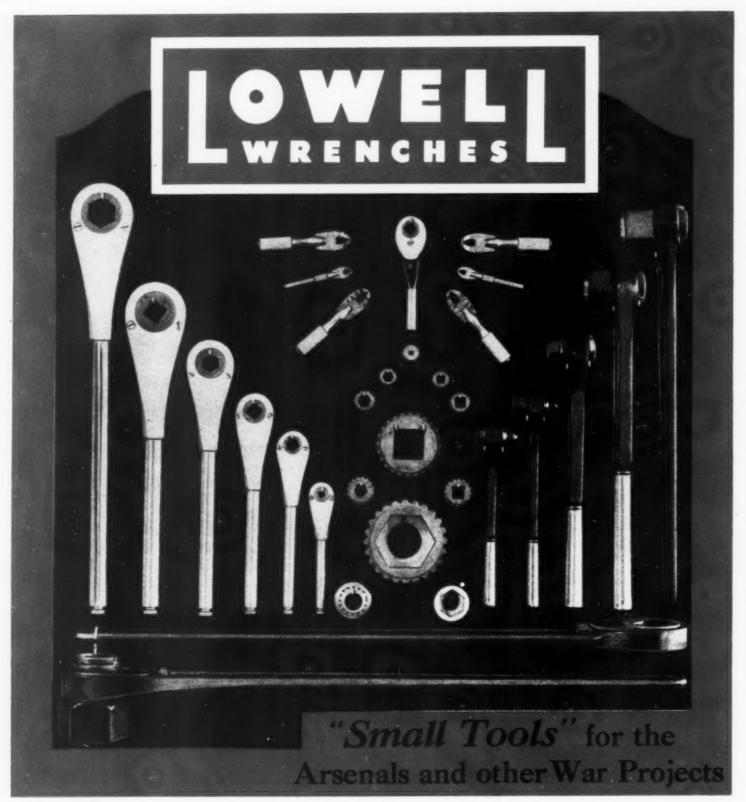
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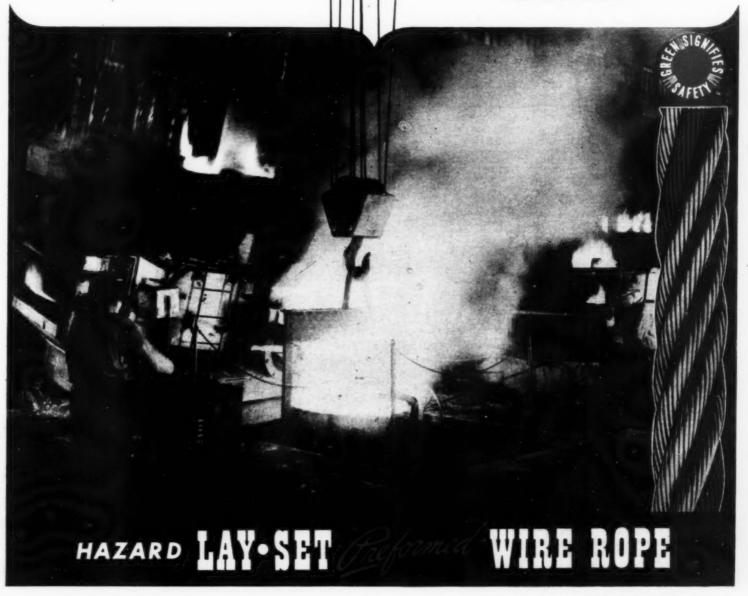
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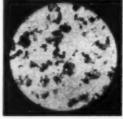
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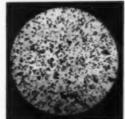
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Cement Dispersion drives these particles apart and (1) exposes their entire surface area to hydration, at the same time (2) making the water entrapped in the clumps available for lubrication of the mix. photomicrograph at left).

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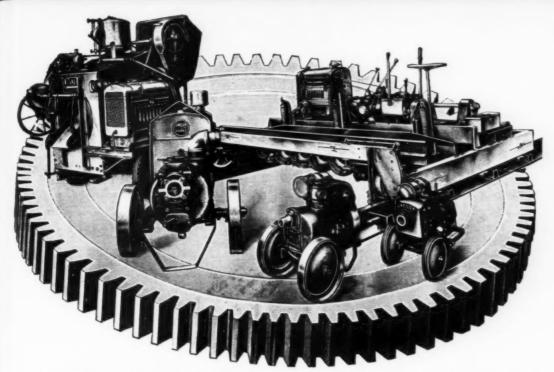
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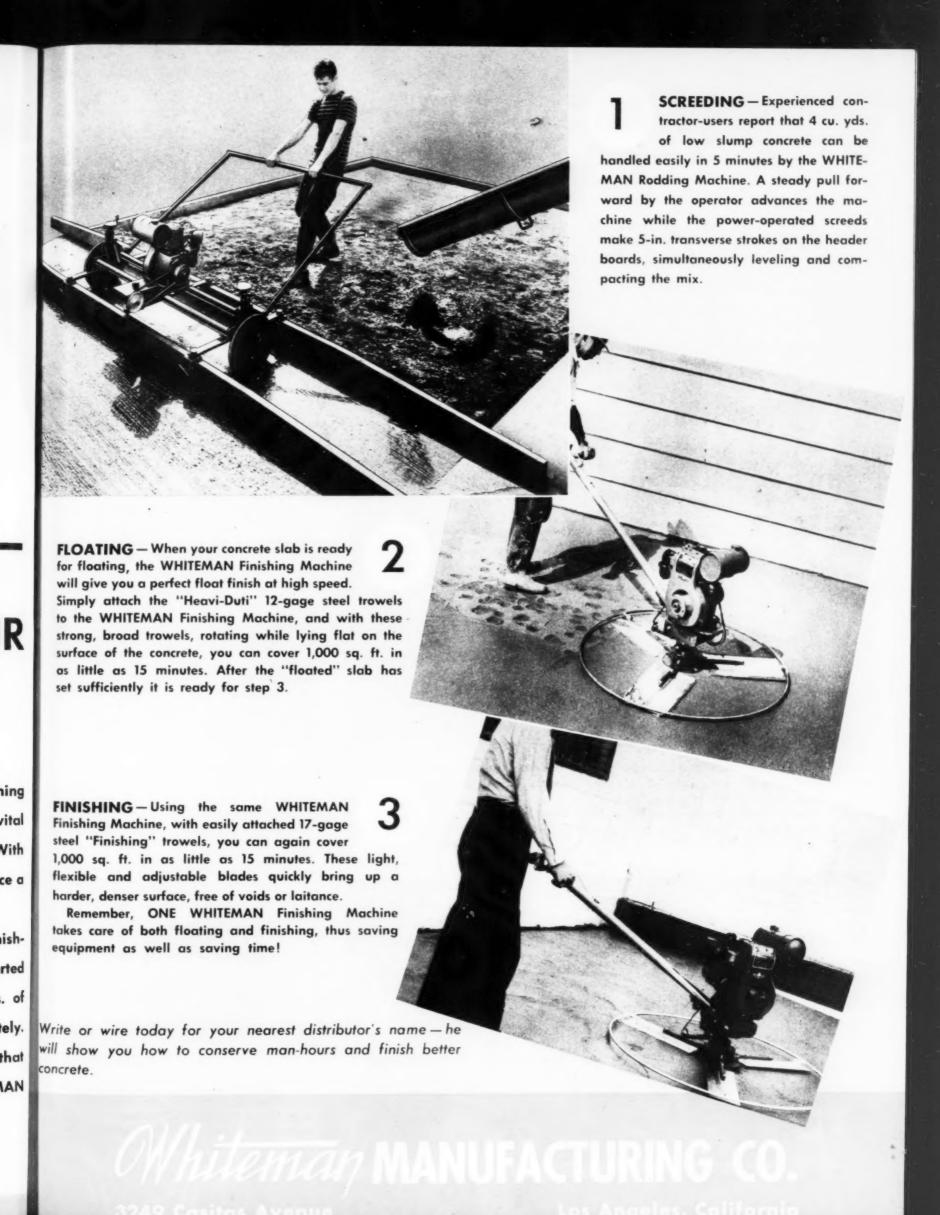
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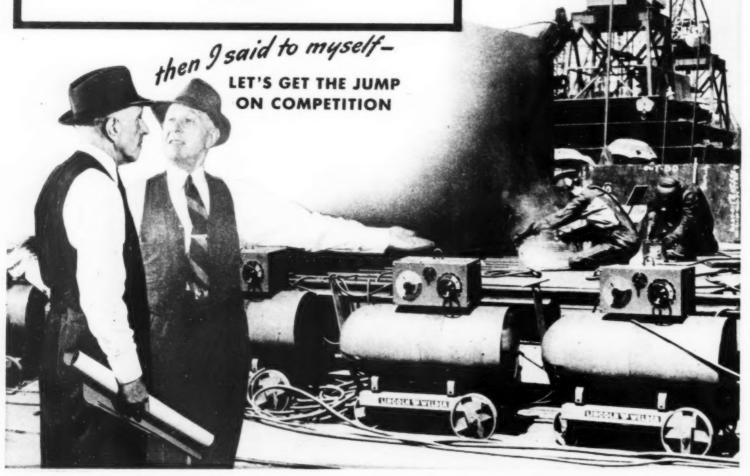
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ALTER EGO: So look out now for the post-war Battle for Business. Competition will again force change to arc welding to produce better and cheaper autos, home appliances, houses, bridges and other products. We can be forced to change or we can be ready.

Let's put our designs on the alert now with arc welding so we'll get a head start on our competitors.

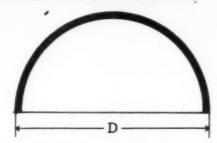
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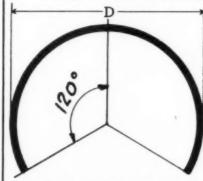




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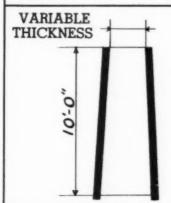
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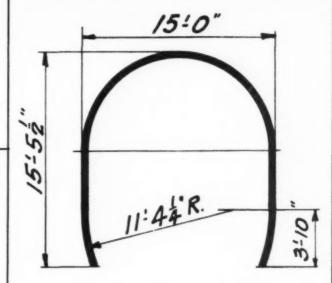
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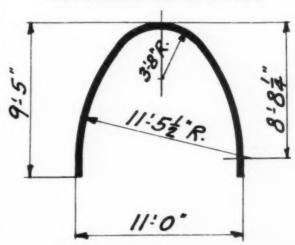


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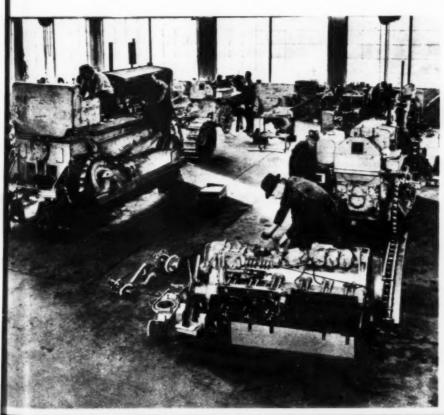
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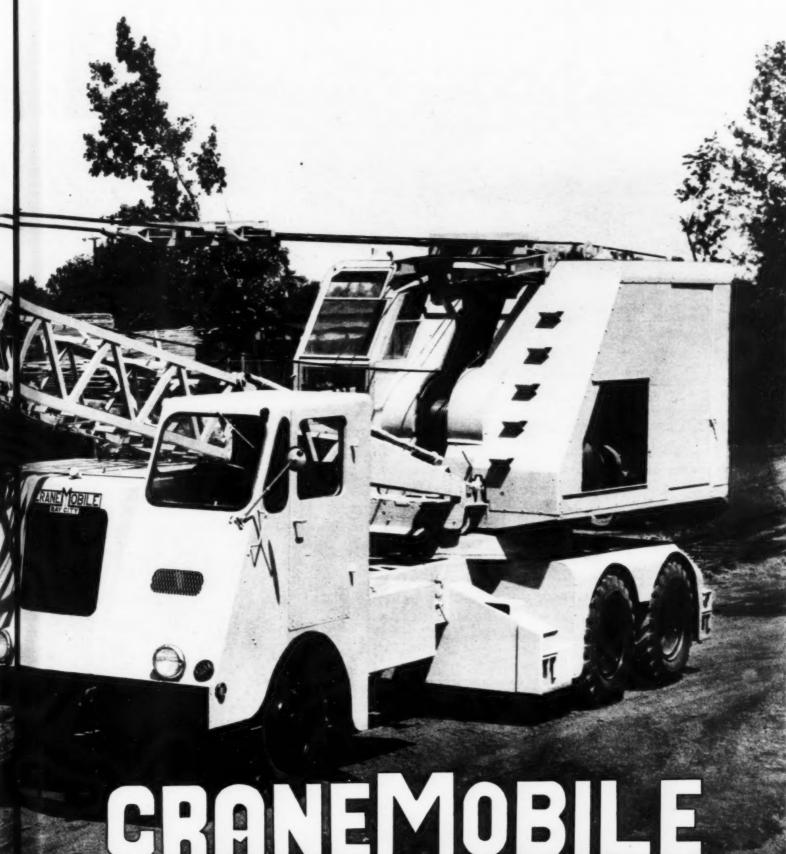


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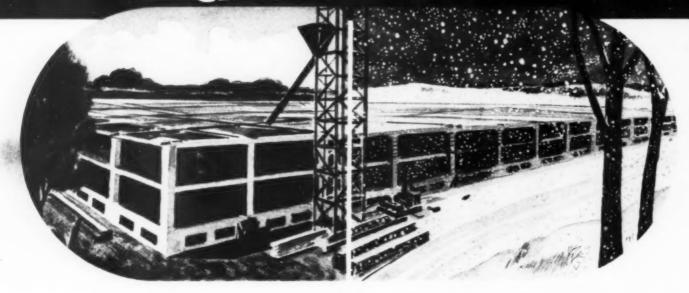
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PRACTICAL METHODS OF LUBRICATING YOUR WIRE ROPE

... to help you get longer service ... to help you conserve steel

The benefit derived from systematic lubrication of wire rope is one of those apparently intangible things that are difficult for the average user to find among his many operating problems. However, laboratory and scientifically controlled field tests have proved that wire rope, like any machine part, lasts longer if it is kept well lubricated.

What are some simple ways to lubricate wire rope on your job?

Preparation

It is very desirable that the rope be clean and dry. A jet of air, steam, or wire brushing, followed by a period in which the rope is allowed to dry, are some of the methods used preparatory to applying the lubricant.

First, you can brush the lubricant on to the rope



Illustrated, in Figure 1, is one easy and effective method of applying lubrication. Dip the brush into the lubricant and apply. In some cases a rag or piece of sheepskin is dipped in the lubricant and used to swab the lubricant on to the rope.

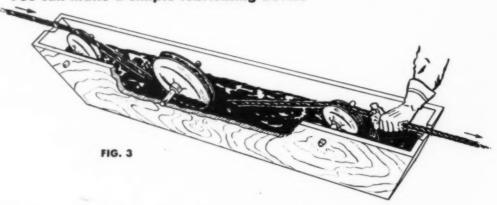
Applying by hand with leather gloves



Another simple method is shown in Figure 2. Leather is preferred to

canvas, because of its greater protection and less penetration of the grease. This method is especially good where a heavy, non-flowing lubricant is applied. It is often desirable to heat lubricant slightly to get a smoother, better application.

You can make a simple lubricating device



A wooden trough with a sheave mounted on a shaft does a good job.

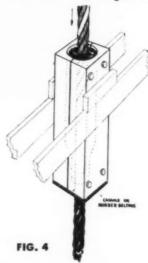
Such a trough, or slush box, is illustrated in Figure 3. The rope is run over the end of the trough, under the sheave, and out the other end so that the rope runs through the lubricant. A rag or swab held in place at the outgoing end wipes off excess lubricant. A slush box for vertical ropes is shown in figure 4.

Proper lubrication helps to seal in the Macwhyte internal lubrication that covers each wire during the manufacture of the rope. It helps to keep out water and dirt, and guards against corrosion.

Regular inspection of the rope with frequent applications of lubricant produces better results than heavy coatings less frequently applied.

The methods illustrated are those in most common use and cover most wire rope applications. Various methods used in service often depend upon the particular type of lubricant and whether it is applied hot or cold.

The use of wire rope varies so greatly that it is not possible to set forth here any particular types of lubricant to use. Macwhyte engineers are always glad to give you the benefit of their experience in special cases.



This is number 12 in a series of informative articles prepared by the Macwhyte Wire Rope Company. All articles in this series are available on request.

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Small Tools AT SHASTA DAM



INSULATION IS STRIPPED (left) from stranded copper cable by 6-in. Crestaloy diagonal cutting pliers.

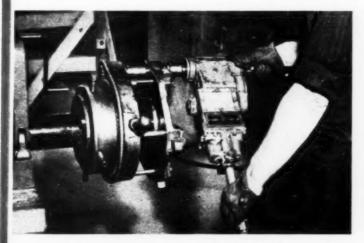
small tools today find a variety of applications on big jobs. Herewith are illustrations by Tex Gibson, official photographer, showing only a few of the scores of small tool uses by Pacific Constructors, Inc., at Shasta Dam, U. S. Bureau of Reclamation project in California being completed under direction of Ralph Lowry, construction engineer.



HOLES IN CONCRETE (left) at powerhouse are drilled to 1½-in. diameter with Thor pneumatic tool.

USED AS PIGTAIL WRENCH (right) with 14-in. Stillson is this 18-in. Walco wrench with handle bent at right angle in shops of Pacific Constructors, Inc., to service concrete forms.

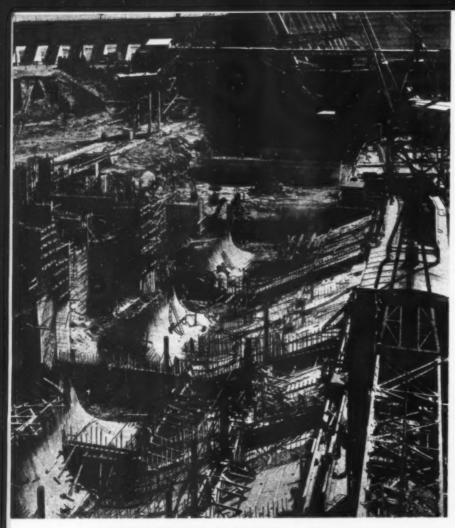




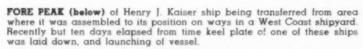
CLOSE-QUARTERS DRILL of Chicago Pneumatic make is used on Toledo 6-in. pipe die at Shasta power plant.

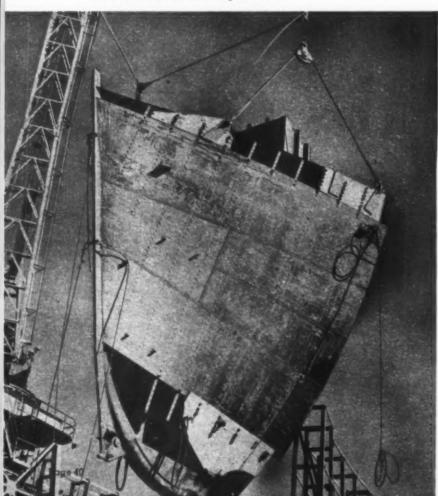


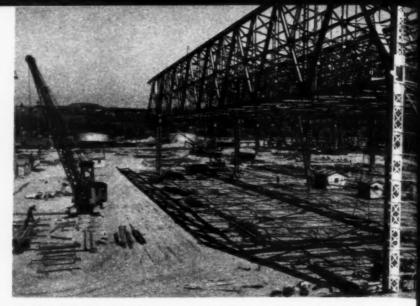
SCROLL-CASE INSTALLATION involves use of Williams super-wrench and cross-beam sledge operating on nuts for 2%-in. bolts.



CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE EXPEDITED on Fort Loudoun Dam by round-the-clock operation. Work on this Tennessee Valley Authority project is under forced draft as power from its two 32,000-kw. generators is needed for our war effort. Photo shows forms for elbow-type draft tubes being made ready for concreting. Dam has length of 4,835 ft. and its crest rises 135 ft. above river bed. It will form final pool in chain of TVA lakes, reservoir reaching almost to Knoxville, 55 river-miles away.







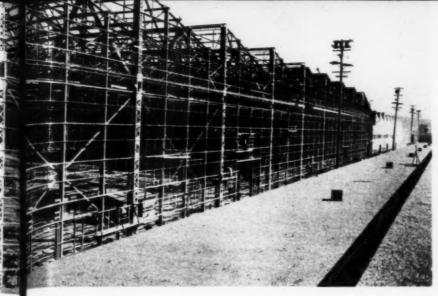
UNOBSTRUCTED FLOOR AREA obtained by 300-ft. span in new West Coast Boeing aircraft plant. These roof trusses are being placed in position with A-frame, and crawler crane having 95-ft. boom. Austin Co., engineers and contractors of Cleveland, Ohio, designed and erected these trusses, which have depth of 35 ft. and are spaced 65 ft. on centers.

THIS MONTH'S NEWS REEL



HOME WAS NEVER LIKE THIS! One of experimental huts built of plywood by Pacific Huts, Inc., for men of an anti-aircraft battery near Seattle, Wash. Igloo huts, name they are known by, can be quickly erected and are much simpler to camouflage than dwelling with sheer walls.





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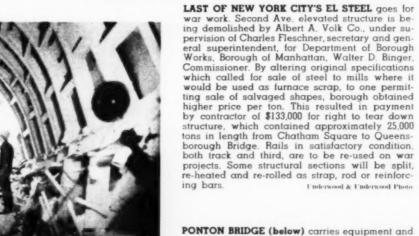


TWENTY TIMES as heavy as average auto tire. Specially equipped Mack truck is used to carry tire shoes weighing 600 lb. each to service Mack dumpers working on Panama Canal Third Locks project.



ROUNDOUT-WEST BRANCH TUNNEL, last link of 85-mi. Delaware aqueduct bringing much needed water to New York City, holed through from Shaft 1 by Mason and Hanger Co., Inc. May 7,

1942, witnessed firing of shot connecting Shafts 1 and 2 near Ellenville, N. Y. Tunnel from Shaft 2 was driven by Samuel R. Rosoff, Ltd.



supplies for new highway connecting continental United States and Alaska. All surveying and planning are being done by Public Roads Administration, T. H. MacDonald, Commissioner. This ponton bridge was laid down by men of U.S. Army Engineer Corps under direction of Col. J. A. O'Connor, and will be replaced by temporary timber bridge that will last until final surfacing of this strategic route.

CONSTRUCTION SPEEDED ON DOUGLAS DAM (below) by 5,000 men working in three shifts. War power project of Tennessee Valley Authority approaches its completion date, when it will catch spring rains of 1943. Construction of this dam has schedule calling for completion in 13 months.







EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTORS RENDER TIMELY SERVICE II

Repairing and Rebuilding

CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY NOW DIFFICULT TO REPLACE

For Contractors And Armed Forces Covers Wide Range

By E. G. WALKER

Manager. Construction Equipment Division.
Smith Booth Usher Co..
Los Angeles. Calif.

BECAUSE ALMOST ALL NEW CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT production will be preempted by the armed forces, it is obvious that future business for construction equipment dealers will consist mainly of trading, reconditioning and reselling or renting used equipment of all makes. Present working equipment owned by contractors will, in most cases, have to last for the duration. Having this equipment in first-class operating condition, therefore, may mean the difference between staying in or going out of business.

The armed forces in various localities also need help, outside of their own organizations, in keeping their equipment in repair. Every cent spent now to recondition this equipment will increase its present and future value. Such maintenance and repair work becomes an economic necessity in prosecuting the war effort. Every construction equipment dealer in the country today must, if he has not already done so, re-vamp his organization and set-up to take care of this kind of business if he is going to stay in business and justify his existence as a machinery dealer.

There is nothing particularly new about all this to Smith Booth Usher Co., machinery dealers, of Los Angeles, Calif. and Phoenix, Ariz. While principally dealers in new equipment and machinery for many of the leading manufacturers in this country, we have done more or less rebuilding and servicing for the fifty years that we have been serving the trade in the Southwest. For the last fifteen years in our Construction Equipment Division we have maintained a

large number of units of various types of construction equipment for every service in our rental and rebuilt department which, together with a large repair parts business, has augmented the sale of new machinery.

Service Essential

To buy, recondition, rent and re-sell used machinery of all makes successfully, dealers must be well informed on the specifications and performance of all makes, sizes and models, must have an approximate idea of the list prices, former or current, in order to arrive at correct values for trade, rental or resale. They must have a fully organized and fully equipped service department, capable of rebuilding used machinery and restoring it to A-1 operating efficiency.

Buying right means half the sale and means the difference between a profit or a loss. So, in the Smith Booth Usher organization, all service and repair work has been placed in charge of a man with years of experience in repairing and rebuilding all kinds of construction equipment. He is responsible for appraising the used machine to be traded in or purchased and estimating the cost of re-building it. Under his supervision the mechanics must do a correct job of re-building and keeping the cost approximately within the original estimate. This man in charge of re-building operations is not in the selling end of the business and confers with the management or the sales department for information regarding selling values. He administers a force of a dozen mechanics, some of whom are experts in rebuilding, servicing and operating tractors; others specialize on power shovels; others on concrete mixers and pavers, and others on air compressors and tools. Some of these men are all-around mechanics who can work on nearly any machine. Some are helpers who are learning the business. Many are expert operators and are used to service, make deliveries and instruct on new equipment when delivered to the customer. Others are capable of going to the customer's location and repairing or servicing a maching on the job. Twenty-four hour service is available in emergencies. There is still another group of men, skilled machinists and their helpers, who look after the necessary machine work and the making of parts, if new parts are not available.

All of these men are paid on an hourly basis and those doing outside work furnish their own cars and hand tools and are paid mileage on their cars. Because distances are great and the jobs usually are at isolated spots, it is seldom economical or convenient to take a bus or train, but where it is possible they do so. To do work of this kind satisfactorily and economically requires, in addition to good workmen, plenty of room, a fully equipped shop with good tools, an ample supply of materials and repair parts with which to do the rebuilding.

Repair Parts Stocked

With the exception of one warehouse a block away, the Los Angeles plant of Smith Booth Usher is grouped on property During the present was emergency, no construction man tracks to be reminded of the fact that it is difficult, and frequently impossible, to obtain new construction equipment to replace the machines his is new using and which the gradually wearing out under exceptionally severe operating conditions, it becomes necessary, therefore, if a contractor is a remain in business, to contractor the results of the contractor in a contractor in the contractor.

The current shortage of new heavy-duty equipment available for purchase affects not only the contractor, the state high way department, county and city engineering organizations and the public utilities, but also the equipment distribute who, in normal times, functions as the local selling open of the manufacturer. Now, with little or no new equipment

to tell, the distributor is expanding the range of his maintenance, repair and rebuilding service facilities. All of the leading distributors maintain shop facilities which are now being operated to handle the vital repair and maintenance operations which construction man need to keep their equipment running.

To indicate the character and scope of their service facilities for maintaining construction equipment in satisfactory operating condition, CONSTRUCTION METHODS requested from seven representative equipment distributors, in different geographical areas, brief statements describing their repair and rebuilding operations and their shop equipment and methods for handling this important type of service. Their replies, with photographs of shop details, uppear herewith.—EDITOR.



MECHANICS TEAR DOWN 27E MultiFoote paving mixer preliminary to making repairs at Smith Booth Usher yard.



MAIN BUILDING of Smith Booth Usher Co. in Los Angeles, Calif., houses display rooms, sales and general offices.

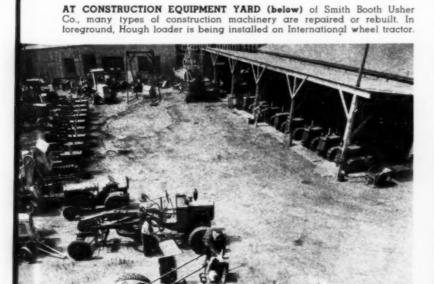
covering approximately 90,000 sq. ft. all on the ground floor and facing on three streets which provide considerable room for parking cars. The offices and display rooms of the various divisions are all in the front building. There is some warehouse space in the rear building, but this building also houses the shipping department, the machine shop and the repair parts department. An overhead crane runs the length of this building through the machine shop and shipping department.

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The repair parts department is in one corner of the rear building fenced off from everything else and under lock and key and in charge of the parts manager and two assistants. This department is conveniently located for the trade, as trucks or cars can drive right up to the door. Because we are located some two or three thousand miles from the source of

STEAM-CLEANING OF EQUIP-MENT, both before and after rebuilding, is standard Smith Booth Usher practice. Operator is shown using Torrance cleaner on International diesel tractor.

MACHINE SHOP (below) of Smith Booth Usher, of which one corner is shown herewith is tooled to handle every type of repair or rebuilding operation.





supply, it is necessary for us in order to give quick service, to stock large inventories of repair parts; in normal times it is not unusual to carry as much as \$150,000 in repair parts alone. A perpetual inventory on cards kept up daily enables us to tell the customer on an instant's notice if parts are in stock. Replacement orders are sent in to the manufacturers daily.

Machine Shop Equipment

The machine shop housed in the rear building is equipped with: Lathes, drill press, floor presses, hand-screw and hydraulic presses, grinders and buffers, power hack-saw, pipe threading and cutting machine, electric bench drill, brakelining machine, power saw, air compressor, shaper and various hand tools. Having our own machine shop enables us to give quicker and more economical service because we are not dependent on outside shops for deliveries and do not have to pay a profit for the work to someone else.

A large paved yard gives ample room for the larger equipment to be torn down and rebuilt. Part of the yard is roofed over so that during rainy or hot weather work can continue without interruption. Under the roofed-in part of the yard is installed a grinder and buffer, a hydraulic press, a bench drill and a pipe and bolt machine so that some of this work can be done right in the yard without having to send it to the machine

In one corner of the yard is a steam-cleaning and paint shed with canvas sides to prevent the paint from blowing on or spreading to other equipment and cars parked on the side street. All equipment is thoroughly cleaned before tearing down, and after it is rebuilt is cleaned again and repainted. This practice adds life to the equipment and a good paint jöb will more than pay for itself when it comes to making a sale.

Fully 90 percent of the used equipment sold by this firm is torn down completely and rebuilt. We back up our work with an unusually broad guarantee, which reads as follows: "Our Guaranteed Serviced Equipment is sold with a positive guarantee of satisfaction. If, after equipment is delivered, purchaser finds it is not satisfactory because not suitable for character of work which he is doing, or for any other reason, it may be returned to us, freight charges prepaid and money will be refunded. No questions asked and no excuses are necessary."

The Rental Department operates in conjunction with the

Used Equipment Department. If sufficient used equipment is not available, our company will put new equipment in rental service.

Special shop and office record forms are used for each item of equipment. The shop forms show in detail just what work has been done, the material and parts used and the amount of labor. The office record forms show the initial cost of the equipment, the cost of repairs and the selling price, together with a complete description, the serial number and the item or used equipment number. If the equipment is rented, these same forms show unit of equipment, names of the people to whom it has been rented, time rented on each job, amount of rent charged, amount of depreciation from cost on account of rentals received and cost of servicing the equipment during the time it has been in rental service. This gives a complete history of the equipment at a glance. Every piece of equipment is thoroughly checked after each rental job, and the necessary repairs and cleaning and painting made before sending the machine out on another job.

By keeping accurate records we know what rental rates must be charged to bring in a fair profit. Likewise, these records are a guide in estimating the cost of rebuilding and are of considerable help to the appraiser in putting a fair valuation on the trade-in or the used equipment that is to be purchased. By such methods this firm, over a period of years, has built up a large rental and used equipment trade.

Sales Engineers

We use no special men to sell rental and used equipment, as it is handled by our regular men who sell new equipment. These men are so well versed in this business that they are also of considerable help in locating used equipment for sale and assist in making appraisals from time to time. They are sales engineers, rather than salesmen, and today more than ever before they are of great value, not only to the contractor, but to all the government agencies, in advising with reference to care and use of equipment, when and how to make necessary repairs to extend the useful life of machines, and how to select what is best for a particular job.

The Construction Equipment Division of Smith Booth Usher Co. has its own department manager, sales organization, shop and service and repair parts department and operates separately, but in conjunction with, the other divisions of the business.

Three Shops Equipped To Service Construction Machinery

By P. RIDINGS
Vice-President, Syracuse Supply Co., Syracuse, N. Y.

WITH THE INCREASING DIFFICULTY of getting new construction equipment, it is imperative that existing equipment already in the field be maintained in good operating condition. This equipment is being subjected to unusual abuse and the maintenance problem has multiplied many fold, due to the long hours it is being run and to inexperienced operators.

We have tried to meet this growing problem with modern shop equipment and trained service men. Many pieces of equipment have been invaluable in conserving critical material and manpower. Each of our service shops at Syracuse, Rochester and Buffalo has been equipped with steam cleaners, hydraulic track-pin presses, pneumatic wrenches, electric welders and at each point we have a complete parts' stock with trained personnel in both the parts and service departments.

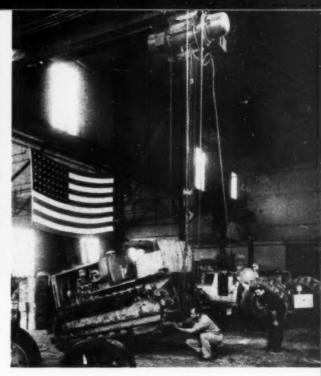
In our shop at Syracuse, which is approximately 100x150 ft., we have installed an 8-ton overhead electric crane operating on a trolley across the 40-ft. center bay running the entire length of the shop. We also have a 1½-ton electric crane running in the same bay for the lighter lifts. Here we have also installed a fuel-injection testing laboratory where we can, in a dust-proof room, test Diesel fuel-injection pumps and repair fuel-injection valves. Formerly it was necessary to use new valves and the old valves were wasted.

We have found that a thorough job can be done more quickly if the machine or part to be repaired is cleaned before



HYDRAULIC TRACK-PIN PRESS in Syracuse, shop repins and rebushes set of tractor track rails. At right reversible impact wrench salvages track bolts.

EIGHT-TON OVERHEAD ELECTRIC CRANE (right) operates across 40-ft. center bay of 100×150 -ft. shop of Syracuse Supply Co. Service Manager "Monty" Wallace checks rollers, track pins and bushings of 8-ton Caterpillar tractor.

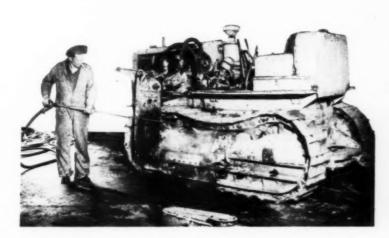




SPECIAL TOOL BOARD offers mechanics of Syracuse Supply Co. wide range of equipment for conserving time and labor on tractor and motor grader repairs.



SPECIAL EQUIPMENT in fuel injection laboratory of Syracuse Supply Co. is operated by Shop Superintendent "Chet" Williams.



BEFORE MAJOR OVERHAUL Kerrick steam cleaner is used on tractor in Syracuse shop.



ELECTRIC WELDER at Syracuse shop salvages sprocket that might otherwise be wasted.





work is started, and for this operation we use a steam cleaner using a cleaning compound which can be varied in strength to do either a light cleaning job or cut grease or paint off the

Reversible pneumatic wrenches make it possible to save and reuse a large percentage of expensive heat-treated bolts and nuts where it was formerly necessary to destroy them by cutting the nut or bolt with cold cut or acetylene torch.

The track-pin press has made it possible to double or triple the life of a track-laying tractor set of tracks by either turning or replacing the pins and bushings in the track rail.

Each of our service departments is equipped with panelbody service trucks and in one of these trucks at each shop is installed a 250-amp, electric welder suitable for field welding.

A service manager is in charge of all shops and services in our complete territory, and is available for consultation by contractors' master mechanics as well as our own personnel. The shop superintendents are responsible to him and he makes appraisal of equipment to be completely rebuilt.

In the present emergency, where conservation of critical materials is vital, our service men are trained to urge repair of such parts as track rollers, pistons, tracks, etc., rather than replacements of these parts with new ones. They constantly instruct owners and operators in the proper care of equipment in an effort to reduce maintenance to a minimum.

When a new machine is delivered, a trained service man instructs the owner and operator in the proper lubrication and adjustment of the equipment, leaving with them a service manual with operating instructions and parts' books. A second service or checkup call is made at a later date. On this call the service man checks to see that proper adjustment has been made and answers any questions which the operator or owner may have relative to operation, lubrication or adjustment

At a time when materials are scarce, when parts are hard to get and when skilled labor is difficult to obtain, too much cannot be said for good, practical labor-saving shop machinery, such as electric cranes, hydraulic presses, valve grinders, etc. It is practically impossible for anyone to get new machinery except for war projects or essential civilian operations. The old machinery must be kept running so that the home front can be maintained, but the war effort must be given preference. The savings effected in time and materials by modern tools and machines are invaluable and this, coupled with trained personnel who know how to use them efficiently, will "Keep 'em rolling"

To survive this emergency, until the final peace is gained through victory, nearly perfect coordination and understanding among owner, operator and trained construction equipment service man will be necessary.

New Building Provides Modern Shop Facilities

By JAMES L. NELLIS

Manager. Machinery Department.

Choctaw Culvert & Machinery Co..

Memphis, Tenn.

WE HAVE JUST MOVED into our newly constructed shop for the repair and rebuilding of construction equipment. The building proper, as illustrated herewith, is 200 ft. long by 80 ft. wide. It is constructed of reinforced concrete, with walls made of lightweight aggregate concrete blocks. The center bay is 40 ft. in width and each of the side bays is 20 ft. in width. The building is well lighted by a large expanse of windows. It is also well ventilated, which is highly essential in this section of the country where it gets extremely warm in summer. The building has two large wash and locker rooms, one for negroes and one for whites.

The back door, through which a 10-ton, three-motor electric traveling crane operates, is 40 ft. wide and 23 ft. high, large enough to permit the entrance into the building of a crawler type shovel, crane or dragline without lowering the gantry. We do not believe that there is any crawler type machine built that cannot be walked into this shop under its own power without dismantling.

Some of the features that we have incorporated into this shop are:

(1) Complete machine shop with lathes, universal milling



NEWLY CONSTRUCTED SHOP of Choctaw Culvert & Machinery Co. is housed in modern, well-lighted building 200 ft. long and 80 ft. wide, with 40-ft. center bay served by 10-ton floor-controlled traveling crane. Back door is 40 ft. wide and 23 ft. high, large enough to allow any crawler machine to be walked into shop.



TRACTOR AND CONCRETE PAVER are being dismantled for rebuilding in brand new Choctaw shop.



ENGINE REBUILDING ROOM in shop of Choctaw Company is inclosed by walls of brick and glass, insuring clean, dustless atmosphere.

machine, shaper, radial drill press, straight drill press, grinders and all other small tools required in a shop of this kind. (2) Totally inclosed with brick and glass windows is our engine rebuilding room where work can be performed in a clean and practically dustless atmosphere. In this room, of course, are the various tools that are used in rebuilding gasoline and diesel engines.

(3) A totally inclosed room on one corner of the building where we have a modern vapor sand-blast. Some classes of equipment can be cleaned better with sand blast than by steam cleaning. For instance, there is no other method known that will economically clean concrete from an old mixer. All of our steam-cleaning is done outside the building on a concrete apron which runs the entire length of the structure. Three manholes are spaced at intervals along this runway. When a machine, such as a power shovel, is dismantled in

our shop, the heavy pieces are placed on dollies and taken out on the runway and thoroughly cleaned before the men begin to work on them. The smaller pieces are put in metal baskets and dipped into a vat of hot solution, which cleans them properly before they are worked on. We have a special paint room.

This company is about 25 years old. Several men connected with our Equipment Section have had not less than 20 yr. experience in the construction equipment field. Most of our shop mechanics have had not less than 10 yr. experience in the rebuilding and maintenance of construction equipment. Our parts manager has been in the parts business more than 20 yr. With the equipment we have available, combined with our new building and the experience of our personnel we believe that we are in an excellent position to repair and rebuild construction equipment, particularly on war projects.

Able Mechanics Are Key to Equipment Service

By H. D. ANDERSON

General Manager.

Charleston (W. Va.) Tractor & Equipment Corp.

HOUSED IN A MODERN FIREPROOF BUILDING of brick, steel and glass construction, our equipment service facilities occupy a floor space of 9,240 sq.ft., in addition to 4,000 sq.ft. under the same roof for the storage of machines waiting to be overhauled or already reconditioned or repaired. Included in this space are a paint room, a blacksmiths' shop and a wash room.

The shop is under the capable direction of Dewey Mullins, an experienced welder, mechanic and machinist who can

operate not only any of the shop equipment, but also all of the types of machines that are brought in to be serviced. While not a graduate engineer, Mr. Mullins has no trouble "engineering" any work given to him and the jobs turned out of the shop under his supervision may include: An engine and generator be mounted together to make a light plant; a truck winch mounted on a tractor; or a worn-out engine in a concrete mixer replaced by a new, modern one of a different design and speeds. A tractor-mounted blower unit was designed in the shop, field-tested and then turned over to a national manufacturer to be built on a production basis. Many manufacturers have taken advantage of the combination of severe operation conditions in West Virginia and the facilities of the experienced Charleston Tractor & Equipment Corp. organization to field test, develop and refine their products.

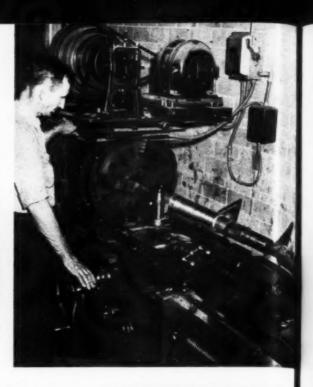
Large doors and plenty of overhead clearance make it possible to service any type or make of construction equipment in the shop. Traveling overhead cranes are available for handling heavy sub-assemblies. All lathes, drill press and other shop machines are driven by independent motors, doing away with all line-shafting. A special bench is provided for the testing and charging of magnetos; there are also special benches for hydraulic and diesel pumps, and the latter are run by electric motors so that the amount of fuel pumped can be accurately metered and set. Diesel injectors can be tested so that they will function properly and release at the proper pressures.

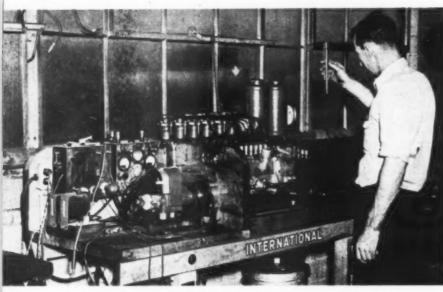
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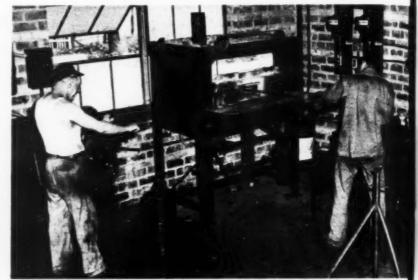
MODERN FIREPROOF BUILDING of steel, brick and glass construction houses offices, salesroom and shops of Charleston Tractor & Equipment Corp.

LATHES AND OTHER MACHINE TOOLS (right) enable Charleston shop to handle all kinds of construction equipment repairs.

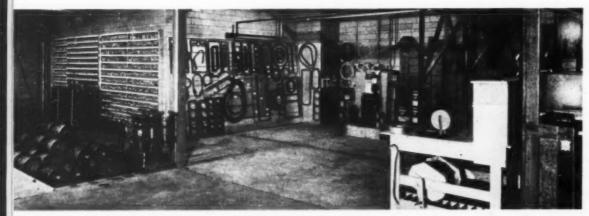




TESTING EQUIPMENT for diesel pumps and injectors and for magnetos performs a useful service at Charleston shop.



IN BLACKSMITH SHOP at Charleston plant, equipment is provided for reconditioning detachable drill bits by hot-milling and retempering.

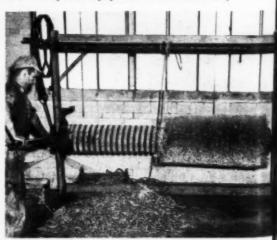


OVERHEAD CLEARANCE (below) large doors and effective lighting are features of shop of Charleston organization.



PARTS DEPARTMENT (left) of Charleston company carries large repair stocks, including gaskets of various sizes and types mounted on panel in background.

FILLING OF BROOM CORES (below), either wire or fiber, for power-driven street sweepers is handled with special equipment at Charleston shop.



broom cores, either wire or fiber, for different sizes of powerdriven sweeper brooms.

With the ever increasing necessity for the saving of critical materials, the welding and shop equipment is worked overtime. Many worn parts are built up and machined down; scarifier and dipper teeth are re-pointed and hard-surfaced with manganese.

Formerly, in West Virginia, detachable bits were discarded or in some cases reground once on an emery stone. They were not re-tempered, and consequently, being soft, gave very little service. With the new equipment now available, the bits are milled while hot, then re-tempered in pyrometer-controlled furnaces and, consequently, give as good service as new bits. Large bits can now be hot-milled several times before being scrapped.

An average staff of 20 men is maintained, five of whom

have fully equipped company service cars for answering calls in the field. Monthly service meetings are held to keep the men posted and to help train new men. Also, some of the men are sent to factories of firms represented by the company so that new ideas and methods may be learned by them. Service men are provided with the best and latest small tools available, and air lines are piped to convenient points so that impact wrenches and other air tools can be used when needed.

To speed up repair work, the building is so designed that the Parts Department is adjacent to the Service Department. Here on 4,000 sq.ft. of floor space are heavy industrial steel bins, shelving, cabinets and drawers to accommodate one of the largest repair stocks in the East. To give customers good service on machines being overhauled, it is essential to have the parts in stock and not to have to tie up machines, as well as floor space, while waiting for parts from the factory.

Shop Rebuilds Both Light- and Heavy-Duty Machines

By MORTON R. HUNTER
President. Hunter Tractor & Machinery Co.,
Milwaukee, Wis.

AN ACCOMPANYING PICTURE shows our present plant. The building to the south of our office building was formerly a structural steel plant which we took over several years ago. It has two 50-ft. craneways 300 ft. long, with 5-ton electric overhead cranes, extending over a railroad track so that we can load from cars or load on to cars and move right back into the building. To the rear of this building a year ago we added a modern machine shop with concrete floor, Iron Fireman heating system, and new plumbing. Behind the office building is our old machine shop where we rebuild heavy machines such as cranes, shovels and pavers, many of which weigh as high as 40 to 50 tons each. The new machine shop is used for lighter machines, such as pumps, mixers, air tools, air compressors, etc.

Our machine tool equipment consists of lathes, shaper, 100-

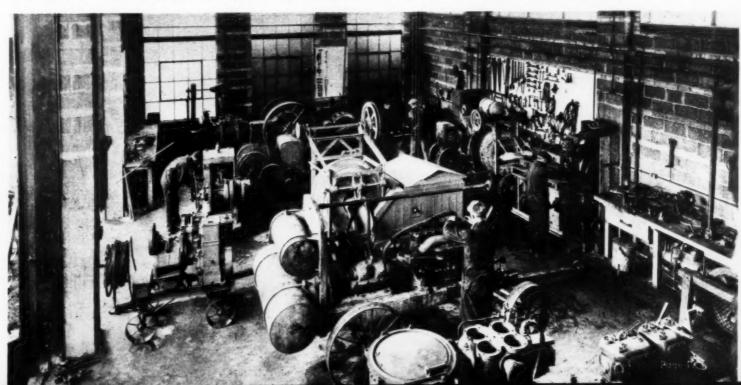
ton press, blacksmith outfit, Lincoln welding outfits, acetylene cutting torches and numerous other tools necessary to do a complete rebuilding job on any construction machine.

complete rebuilding job on any construction machine.

We employ 2 truck drivers, 2 parts men, a master mechanic, a timekeeper and 14 high-grade mechanics, all expert on steam, gas, electric or diesel power and on general repair operations. The average length of employment with us is 10 yr. and some of our men have been with the company as long as 25 yr. We have been rebuilding machinery at the rate of about \$150,000 worth a month or more and we are shipping all over the country, from Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and New York out to Seattle, Nebraska and elsewhere.

We have an excellent Parts Department and carry stocks
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WIDE VARIETY of construction equipment is shipped to shop building (below) of Hunter plant for repair or complete overhauling

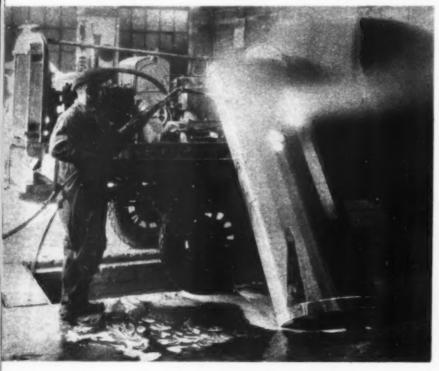




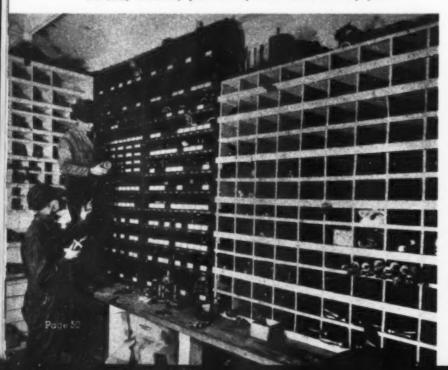
OFFICE BUILDING of Hunter Tractor & Machinery Co., at right, is flanked by shop (formerly a steel plant) equipped with two 50-ft, craneways 300 ft long extending over railroad tracks to facilitate handling of incoming and outgoing equipment.

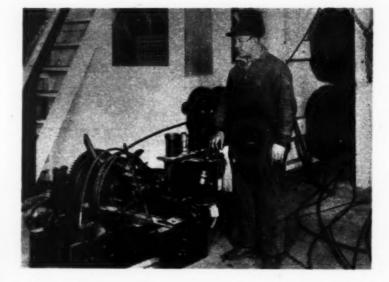
WIRE ROPE (right) from reels at Hunter shops is accurately measured and cut to desired length by special electrically operated machine.

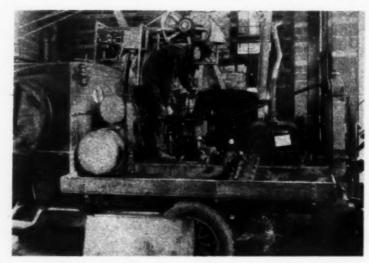




STOCK ROOM (below) at Hunter plant enables mechanics to obtain without delay necessary parts for repair of construction equipment.







TYPICAL RECONDITIONING JOB at Hunter shop involves complete overhaul and rebuilding of truck-mounted Sullivan air compressor. Mechanic here is removing cylinder head to clean out carbon and inspect pistons and valves.

WITH PROPER SHOP EQUIPMENT (below) valves of air compressor unit are ground and reseated by member of Hunter mechanical staff.



of parts for the companies we represent, such as Chain Belt, Sullivan and others, in addition to parts for the various types of gas engines that are on the equipment we sell.

We handle wire rope by the carload and have developed our own wire-rope cutting and winding machine, which is equipped with an electrically operated device for measuring accurately, without slippage, any desired length of wire rope. With this equipment it is possible to unwind, measure and cut off, for example 180 ft. 2 in. of wire rope, tie it up and deliver it to a customer within a few minutes after he calls for it.

Accompanying photographs illustrate steps in a typical shop operation—the general overhauling, cleaning and painting of a 110-cu.ft.-min. Sullivan air compressor.

Delay in Repairing Equipment May Prove Costly

By Wm. H. ZIEGLER
President. Wm. H. Ziegler Co., Inc.,
Minneapolis, Minn.



SPECIAL TOOL made out of old shaper at Ziegler shop grinds track roller flanges. Track roller mounted on bed of shaper and turned by small motor is moved sideways against high-speed grinding wheel.

IT IS REAL ECONOMY to have construction equipment repaired or rebuilt to maintain its productive capacity and extend its useful life. As part of its service facilities, the Wm. H. Ziegler Co. maintains a staff of factory-trained mechanics and service men in its modern, well-equipped repair shops. As illustrated in the accompanying photo-

ENGINES ARE LIFTED FROM FRAMES (below), prior to starting repair work, by 10-ton overhead crane at Ziegler shop.



CLUTCH AND BRAKE BANDS are riveted with automatic, self-led machine (at left) by Ziegler mechanic.



graphs, specially trained men perform special jobs, and the proper machines and tools are available for handling every kind of repair or overhauling operation on construction equipment. In addition, a large stock of spare parts is maintained for instant use.

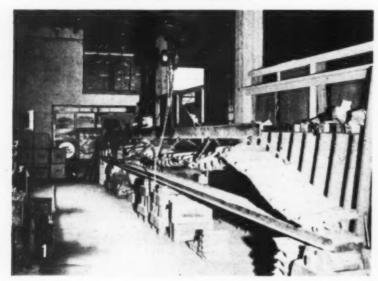
To owners of construction equipment these few words of advice are offered: Don't wait until you need your equipment on some job before having it reconditioned or repaired. You have a big investment in your machinery. Don't wait until it is beyond repair—have it put in condition now. Remember, in these war times it cannot be replaced.





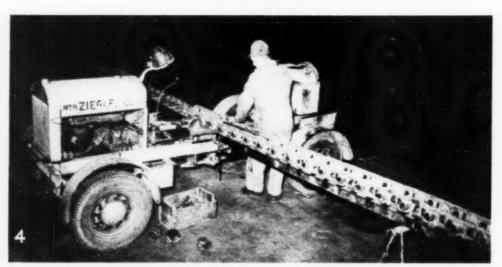
ACCURATE ADJUSTMENTS (left) of diesel fuel pumps and injection valves are made with special tools at Ziegler shop.

WELDING TRUCK is maintained by Ziegler organization for making on-the-job repairs to equipment. Arc welder is powered by truck motor. Truck also carries oxyacetylene welding and cutting equipment.









TOOLS FOR REPAIRING TRACTOR TRACES at shop of Wm. H. Ziegler Co. include: (1) Special 1-beam lifting device, with chain and hooks, which raises entire unit to track bench; (2) special wrench developed by Wm. H. Ziegler removes bolts and nuts from tracks without breakages; (3) compressed air wrench speeds replacing of shoes on tracks after repairs are completed; (4) portable hydraulic press removes and replaces track pins and bushings. In addition, shop is equipped with similar 150-ton stationary press.

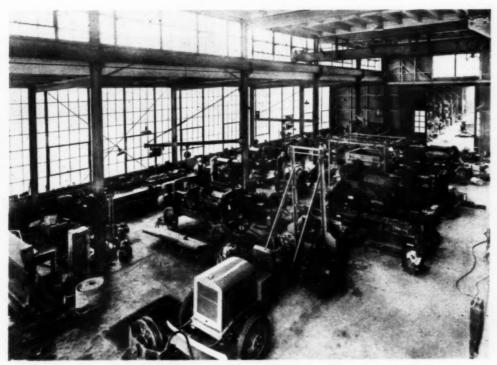


Used Equipment Rebuilt and Yard-Tested

By PAUL W. MOHR

Manager. Oakland Branch. Edward R. Bacon Co..

San Francisco. Calif.



REBUILDING OF EQUIPMENT by Bacon company is done in shop served by bridge crane On each side of craneway are bays containing mechanics' work benches

EDWARD R. BACON CO., which has been distributing construction equipment for the past 32 yr. operates a repair shop in conjunction with its Used Equipment Division, located in Oakland, Calif., for the purpose of reconditioning trade-in and customer machines. Since the recent boom in construction, this repair shop has been expanded to a considerable extent.

The organization in the Oakland shop consists of Manager Paul W. Mohr, Shop Superintendent M. F. McCorkle, the clerical staff and the shop members, as well as the sales staff. Upon receipt of a machine at the shop for repair, an "In Tag" is made, showing delivery of the machine to the shop; then a job number is assigned the machine and a work order is made and placed at the time clock. The machine is dismantled and steam-cleaned, washed or sandblasted, as the case may be, and a survey is made to determine the parts necessary for reconditioning.

Parts are Reclaimed

Serviceable parts are rechecked and then rebuilt. Large gears, shafts and buckets, are reconditioned to new parts' specifications. Parts that are too costly to rebuild, or too special, are ordered from the manufacturer. Work is continued on the machine until completion of the job. The machine is then yard-tested and final adjustments are made, before painting. A field service man is often sent with a machine to the job for final adjustments in cases where this service is warranted.

Repair work is carried out in the Company shop, which is a brick and steel building of the monitor type, having a full length bridge crane. On each side of the craneway are bays, containing the work benches of the shop men. Each bay is equipped with a job crane having a 1-ton capacity electric hoist to facilitate handling of sub-assemblies when dismantling machines.

Facilities for unloading equipment (Continued on page 128)



CHASSIS OF DIESEL TRACTOR is rebuilt in shop of Ball organization. Sprocket visible at left has been rebuilt.

CONTRACTOR'S CENTRAL SHOP Maintains and Repairs EARTH-MOVING EQUIPMENT

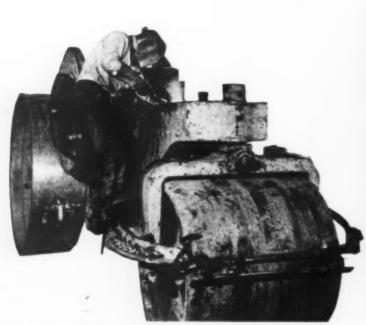
ways been a matter of major importance to N. M. Ball Sons, Berkeley, Calif., contractors. It had been their regular practice to maintain field shops and portable units for taking care of scrapers, tractors and rollers on the job, and to have lubrication outfits at work at the end of every shift. But last year the three heads of the firm, Irv, Stan and Gordon Ball, sat down in their office and gave the subject of maintenance a more thorough going over. It all added up to something like this:

They were doing 21/2 million dollars worth of business a year. Most of it was big-yardage earth-moving of the type type that, even in normal times, taxes equipment to the limit. Under the unusually severe conditions of construction for war needs, with demands for almost continuous day and night operation to meet rush progress schedules, it was found that the useful life of equipment was being drastically curtailed. Much of the Ball organization's work called for the construction of airports and the building of roads on the strategic network or for access to points of military or industrial importance.

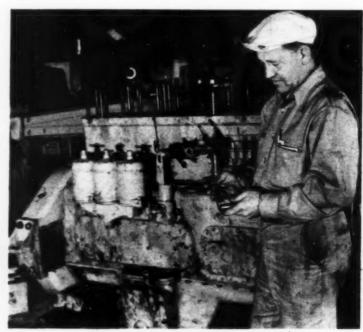
Large Equipment Inventory

The company's equipment inventory was large. On the list were 15 scrapers of 12- to 28-cu.yd. capacities. Three of LeTourneau's new Tournapulls came next, followed by an even two dozen Caterpillar D-8's, three D-6's, four Caterpillar and two Adams motor graders; two Northwest and one P&H shovels; 12 road rollers, both Austins and Buffalo-Springfields; Ford and GMC trucks; and assorted compressors, jackhammers, sheepsfoot rollers and other units.

The Ball brothers reviewed the priorities situation and it didn't look too



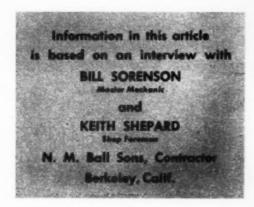
CONVERSION OF OLD STEAM ROLLER for modern usage involves installation of gasoline engine, new transmission and chain drive.



TOLERANCE OF PART for tractor diesel engine being overhauled is checked by Keith Shepard, shop foreman.

promising. Already new equipment units were hard to get, and parts were becoming scarce. The future, they reasoned, was even less hopeful. All signs pointed to the need of revising their maintenance procedure to make what they had stretch longer. Field maintenance was all right for those days when all one had to do was call up the distributor, place an order and get new parts within a few hours. Now, however, a central, well-equipped shop was indicated as a necessity.

So they went to work on plans, and within a few months moved into new quarters at Third and Delaware Sts., Berkeley. The facilities include a streamlined office, a yard containing about 70,000 sq. ft. of area, and a shop structure 40x90 ft. in plan. The entire area of the shop is covered by a bridge crane equipped with a handhoist; a shed for parts' storage and small parts' welding has been erected along the entire length of the building. Situated alongside the property is a spur track, useful for shipping heavier units, such



as shovels, when they are to go to jobs far away.

Every type of equipment comes into the shop for complete overhaul. Tractors receive the greatest amount of service as there are more of them than other types of equipment. The work done on one of these units is fairly well illustrative of that practiced on all others.

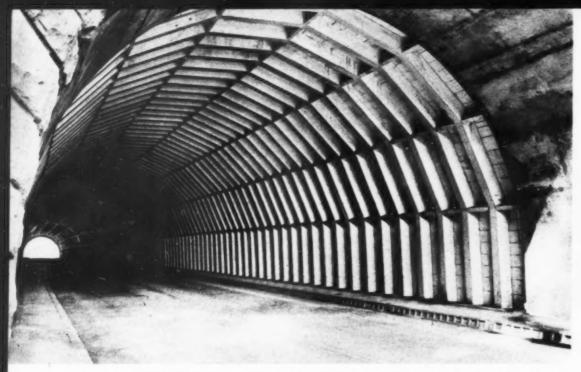
First, the tractor is given a steam cleaning under a pressure outfit outside the shop. Then it is taken in and stripped down. Greatest wear on a tractor is generally found in the track assembly-idler wheels, tracks and drive sprockets - exposed to the action of abrasive materials. Whenever possible, Master Mechanic Bill Sorenson and Shop Foreman Keith Shepard like to get to the machine before wear on the sprockets becomes excessive. Using a tough alloy steel welding rod, plus a welder who knows how, they can rebuild worn teeth if they aren't too far gone. The welder cuts a metal template and builds up to it. Given a good job, it isn't even necessary to grind it smooth afterward. And even if the rim is worn beyond repair, they don't throw away (Continued on page 139)



THESE TRACTOR-SCRAPER UNITS, operated by N. M. Ball Sons to move 500,000 cu.yd. at West Coast Army camp, are kept running by periodic maintenance and repair at contractor's central shop. Sandy soil is tough on track-laying mechanism, engines and other working parts.



PATROL GRADERS of type here illustrated, shown sloping bank on California highway, are checked regularly and repaired when necessary to prolong useful life.



STEEL IS CONSERVED by lining Wolf Creek highway tunnel in Oregon with Wolmanized timber, pressure treated by American Lumber and Treating Co. and spray-painted with three coats of white lead. Vertical beveled faces of curb recesses are painted with white traffic lacquer as aid to motorists. Kern & Kibbe, contractors, of Portland, Ore., built the tunnel for the Oregon State Highway Commission, of which R. H. Baldock is chief engineer.



STEEL PIPE LINE from Wichita Falls, Tex., to Childress, Tex., is salvaged for relaying in new line to carry oil to rationed East. Old line is cut into lengths of 30 to 60 ft. by electric torch.

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

For
Superintendents and Foremen

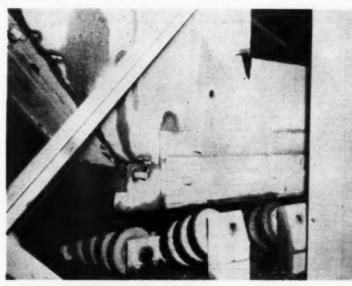


STEPPING UP CAPACITY of $1\frac{1}{2}$ -ton Chevrolet truck to 26,000-30,000 lb., Thornton four-rear-wheel drive installed in standard truck conserves critical material and gives greater range of speed and flexibility.

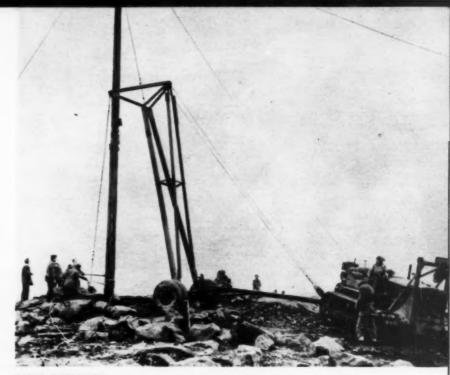
CARELESS AND WRONG-WAY DRIVING (below) are made difficult by islands, or neutral areas, bounded by barriers 9 in. wide and 3 in. high made of plant-mixed bituminous material by California Division of Highways. Original installation can be cheaply altered.



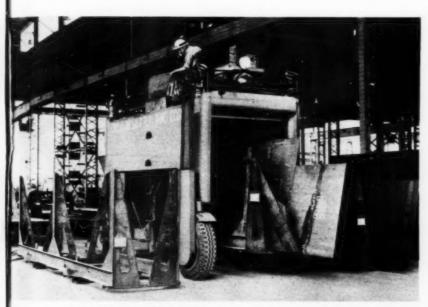




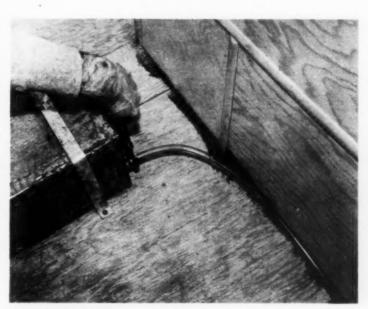
PNEUMATIC TIRES ABSORB IMPACT at transfer points on 9-mi. belt conveyor at Shasta Dam, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation project in California Twelve 8x2.50 tires make up each troughing roller at points where material is chuted to a lower flight.



RADIO ANTENNAS are erected on wind-swept hill at off-shore Army base by Le Tourneau tractor-crane powered by Caterpillar diesel D7 tractor. U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

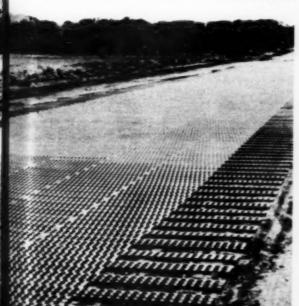


STACKED IN SPECIAL RACKS, cut and formed steel plates for shipbuilding are picked up by Willamette Hyster "straddle truck," or lumber carrier, and are hauled to site of work. Truck pauses only momentarily to pick up loaded rack; carrier can transport up to 30,000 lb.

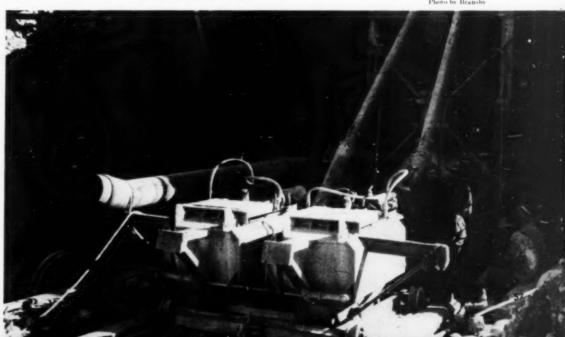


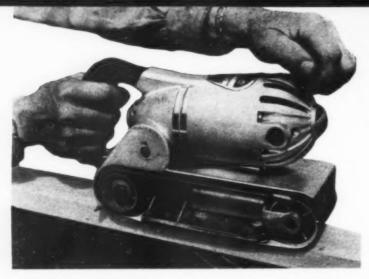
PLASTIC WATER LINE is installed in a Western trailer coach to carry cold water at 135 lb. pressure. Transparent Tenite-2 can be given a sharp and permanent bend when softened by heat. Tubes of this material have carried 1,200 lb. per sq.in. air pressure, but should not be used for water warmer than 120 deg. Fahrenheit.

EASILY HANDLED STEEL MATS (below) distributing load of heaviest bombers, are employed to surface air fields at locations where usual paving materials are scarce.



BACKING OUT OF TUNNEL PORTAL (below) on Shasta Dam railroad relocation is twin unit installation of Pressweld concrete gun used to line bore.

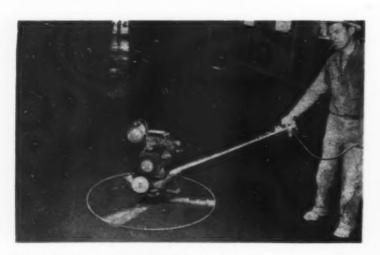




AIDED BY AUTOMATIC TOOLS, such as this Skilsaw sander, Pacific coast building contractors for Army are completing their work on time.



THIS 6-IN. BLADE (left) cuts through 2-in, stock like hot knife going through butter. Skilsaw model not only has large capacity but in portable and compact for use in inaccessible places.



FINISHING OF CONCRETE FLOORS is done with gasoline-driven Whiteman automatic floor finisher. Does work of 10 men more accurately than hand work.



Small Tools SPEED

By A. E. NIEDERHOFF

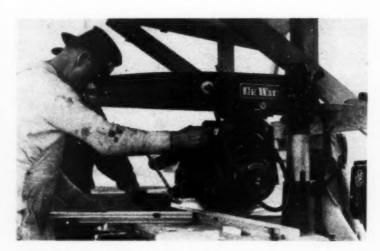
Senior Structural Engineer, U.S. Engineer District Office, Portland, Ore.

STRONG & McDONALD, of Tacoma, Wash., contractors building Army cantonments in the Northwest, make extensive use of small tools to assist the carpenter, sheet metal worker, roofer and painter in building better houses faster. The painter, for instance, no longer stirs his paint with a wood paddle. He now has an electrically powered mixer which is attached to the edge of a 5-gal. bucket, to perform this service.

Brush work is not used where painters are expected to cover about five times the area that they painted by hand before the Japs dropped bombs on Pearl Harbor. A spray gun with 15 lb. of air at the gun and 70 lb. in the pot allows one man to average 1,200 sq. ft. of coverage per hour.

Roofers use a pressure gun to spread plastic cement beneath asbestos shingles. This gun is shaped like a pistol; the handle grip leverage allows tremendous pressure with ordinary effort. A variety of nozzles is available, making the gun useful for calking boat decks, window frames, pointing

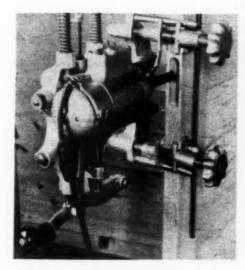
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GENERAL PURPOSE SAW, DeWalt unit mounted on cantilever arm and powered by $7V_2$ -hp. motor operating at 3,600 r.p.m., cuts 22,000 b.ft. of rafter stock daily to speed up cantonment construction.



EDCANTONMENT CONSTRUCTION



LOCK MORTISING is done with Carter automatic-feed tool, adjustable to any thickness of door. Average time per door is 2 min., including time for connecting tool.



SHEET METAL, up to 20 gage for box corners and curved flanges, is notched quickly and accurately by tools of this type made by R. J. Hamlet and Whitney Metal Tool Co., both of Los Angeles. Tinsmiths using shears can do only one-third of work done by an apprentice using these tools. Notcher has adjustable gage giving any desired depth of notch up to 13 16 in.



MIGHTY MIDGET is this model of Stanley "Unishear" that cuts 20-gage sheet metal exactly on line without danger of sheared strips lacerating hands of operator.



STIRRING BATCH OF PAINT for application by spray guns is done with unit made by Mixing Equipment Co., of Rochester, N. Y and powered by 1/4-hp. motor at 1,425 rpm. Uniform and constant suspension of pigment in vehicle for efficient spraying is provided by this machine which may be fitted with wide variety of blades that will cut, shred or fold material in container



CONCRETE VIBRATOR manufactured by Mall Tool Co, is operated by 3-hp, gasoline engine that can be hauled around job in concrete buggy. Contractor saves time, fuel and materials with this machine which is used for few minutes at time in widely scattered areas.



PRESSURE GUN is Kenmar unit used by roofers to spread sealer of plastic cement beneath asbestos shingles on Army barracks.



EVERY WOOD-WORK-ING CONSTRUCTION JOB (left) has its portable electric drills, similar to this Skilsaw ¾-in. heavy-duty drill. A ½ 15/16-in. bit is being used to bore bolt holes in truss at speed of 375 rpm.

LARGE LUMBER STOCK (right) calls for 10-in saw blade that is portable and dependable. Made by Porter Cable Machine Co., of Syracuse, N. Y., this unit is used on Army cantonment construction in Pacific Northwest.



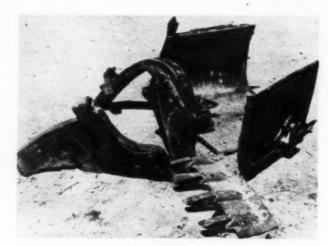
TYPICAL BUILDINGS of army cantonment include mess halls and barracks built of timber with aid of variety of small tools





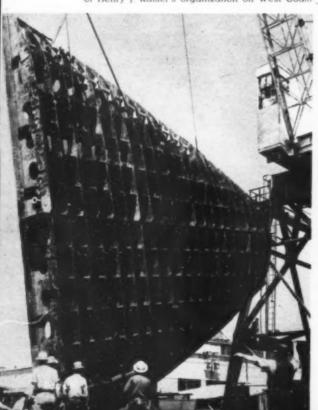
ABOVE BREATH-TAKING FLOW from spillway of Grand Coulee Dam, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation project in Washington workers weave network of reinforcing steel for east powerhouse, which eventually will house nine generators each having output of 108,000 kva.





DRAGLINE BUCKET cut into six pieces by thieves and sold as scrap is retrieved by police and shipped back to airport contractor who re-welds fragments into whole bucket by means of standard Hobart 300-amp arc welder.

INNER BOTTOM SECTION (below) of prefabricated ship for U.S. Maritime Commission is handled by gantry crane of 42-ton capacity at yard of Henry J. Kaiser's organization on West Coast





WHITE-HOT RIVET is sure-fire cigarette lighter for Wesley Ayling. U.S. Bureau of Reclamation rivet heater on scroll case in Grand Coulee Dam power house.



STEEL SCRAP in 5-ton chunk is loaded by shovel working over slag dump at Bethlehem Steel Co. plant, Steelton, Pa. Lumps as large as this "spill" formerly were often discarded because breaking them up to size for recharging into furnace was too costly and difficult. Now they are being reclaimed, lanced with oxygen torch and broken to charging size with dynamite to yield sorely needed scrap.



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RECOMMENDED TRUCK LUBRICANTS

TRUCK PARTS AND THEIR PROPER LUBRICANTS							
Atmospheric Temperature, Deg. F.	Engine Oil	TRANSMISSIONS			REAR AXLES		
		Three-speed	Four- & five-speed	Hypoid Geors	Spiral Bevel and Double Reduction	Two-Speed	
Below - 10	No. 10-W plus 10% kerosene	(See note 1 below).	(See Notes 1 and 2 below).	(See Notes 3 and 4 below).	(See Note 3 below).	(See Note 5 below).	
As low as - 10	No. 10-W		1	-			
Below Zero		SAE 80 gear lubricant, or SAE 90 gear lubricant plus 20 percent No. 10-W engine oil.	SAE 80 E.P. mild, or SAE 90 E.P. mild gear lubricant plus 20 percent No. 10-W engine oil.	Duty Type) for			
Above Zero				SAE 90 Truck Duty hypoid lubricant (INACTIVE TYPE)			
As low as +10	No. 20-W						
Zero to 32		SAE 90 low- cold-test gear lubricant.	SAE 90 mild or low-cold-test gear lubricant.		SAE 90 E.P. mild, low-cold-test gear lubricant.		
As low as 32	SAE 30						
Above 32		SAE 140 gear lubricant	SAE 140 E.P. mild gear lubricant		SAE 140 E.P. mild gear lubricant.		
Not lower than 90	SAE 40						
Up to 100						SAE 90 E.P mild or truck duty lubricant.	
Above 100						SAE 140 E.P. mild or truck duty	

(1) Three-speed and four-speed transmissions should be drained and refilled every 15,000 mi. and seasonally, as indicated on chart above.

(2) Five-speed transmissions should be lubricated every 10.000 mi. and seasonally.

(3) Rear axles should be drained, flushed with flushing oil and refilled every 15,000 mi., in accordance with chart.

(4) Truck hypoid axles require an inactive type of hypoid lubricant which is different from the active type used in passenger car hypoid axles. A simple test for the proper lubricant is this: Place a polished strip of copper in the hypoid lubricant for about 30 min. at normal room temperature. If the copper turns black and

becomes coated with a black substance, the lubricant is of the active type. If the lubricant is inactive, the copper strip may become slightly discolored, but it will not be covered with a black substance. Truck Duty hypoid lubricant (inactive type) is satisfactory for use in passenger car hypoid axles, but hypoid lubricant (active type) should not be used in truck hypoid axles.

(5) Two-speed rear axles should be drained, flushed with flushing oil (not kerosene) and refilled every 15,000 mi. The axle should be filled until the lubricant overflows from the overflow plug hole. This filling requires about 7½ qt., or 15 lb. of lubricant. After filling, insert plug and add about 1 pt. of lubricant, using filler hole at top of carrier to supply this extra lubricant required to fill the differential and planetary unit. Do not overfill.

FOR THE DURATION, truck transportation in this country must depend mainly on trucks already in service. Only a thin line of reinforcements in the way of new vehicles will be available. Thus maintenance of equipment now in use becomes all important.

Pressure from two sides puts most truck operators today in a perplexing position. Trucks must be on the job more hours per day, more days per week. The temptation to overload and operate at top speeds is greater than ever. Yet these overworked trucks will have to stick it out to the end.

Therefore, proper maintenance, with the accent on *preventive* measures, becomes the truck operator's first duty and, in many cases, his only salvation, because, unless he can "Keep'Em Rolling," he cannot stay in business.

Driver an Important Factor

Under wartime conditions the driver becomes more than ever before an important factor in truck maintenance. It may well be said that preventive maintenance begins with the driver. Careful driving prolongs the life of both truck and tires. Carelessness on the part of the driver today borders on sabotage, and, if habitual, can be more harmful than occasional mistakes made by inexpert drivers. If the truck is driven properly in the first place and kept in good condition mechanically, the owner obtains maximum efficiency, economy and durability. With truck and tire production restricted, durability is highly important, but no more so than efficiency and economy. Too much emphasis cannot be placed on the careful selection, training and checking of truck drivers.

Other conditions being equal, proper

and regular lubrication will do more to prolong the life of a motor truck than almost any other maintenance operation.

Lubrication schedules differ for different makes of trucks. Owners should follow the manufacturers' recommendations in all cases. Generally speaking, certain parts of all trucks should be lubricated every 1,000 mi. and other regular lubrication operations should be performed every 2,000, 6,000, 10,000 and 15,000 mi. A variety of lubricants is required to lubricate the modern motor truck adequately. The important points are: (1) to use the right grade and weight of lubricant to meet all requirements of climatic and operating conditions and (2) to lubricate the vehicles according to schedules recommended by the manufacturers.

Proper attention to lubrication of the transmission and rear axle prolongs the life of these units. Use of the proper lubricant at these points during cold weather prevents sacrificing power that would otherwise be required to turn gears against stiff, ineffective lubricant. To make sure your truck will deliver the maximum mileage that has been built into it, be sure that it is properly lubricated in accordance with the accompanying chart on truck lubricants.

Strict Inspection Necessary

The modern motor truck is designed and engineered mechanically to stand up in service with a minimum of attention. Margins are allowed for certain degrees of negligence and even abuse. Present conditions, however, stress the necessity for strictest inspection and care of mechanical units.

The battery should be kept in good condition and inspected frequently to make sure that it is filled with pure water. In summer, water should be added about once a week and about every two weeks in winter. The condition of the cables should be watched constantly to make sure they are in good condition.

Generators in motor trucks today are capable of producing current output ample to meet the requirements of the increased use of electrically operated accessories in addition to that required for lights and horns. Periodic inspection and cleaning of brushes and commutator will insure the ability of the generator to produce its full current capacity. Inspection of insulation on all wiring will insure that this current is delivered in full volume to the places where it is needed

To insure full power output and maximum fuel economy, it is important to check engine timing and make sure it is correct.

Ignition Timing

In low altitudes with standard brands of non-premium gasoline, the engine will give its best performance if timed (Fig. 1) as indicated in the following chart:

Dodge Truck 1st W Series	Piston Position*	Degrees of Crankshaft Rotation*
WC	T.D.C.	T.D.C.
WD	T.D.C.	T.D.C.
WF, WM, WFM	T.D.C.	T.D.C.
WG, WGM	T.D.C.	T.D.C.
WH, WHM	T.D.C.	T.D.C.
WK, WL	.003 in. B.T.D.C.	2 in. B.T.D.C.
1111		(with 5.2 head)
WK	.003 in. A.T.D.C.	2 in. A.T.D.C.
		(with 5.8 head)
WL	.003 in. A.T.D.C.	2 in. A.T.D.C.
		(with 5.8 head)
* T.D.C top dead	conter:	

* T.D.C. — top dead center; 8.T.D.C. — before top dead center. A.T.D.C. — after top dead center.



Fig. 1 . . . IGNITION TIMING is regulated by setting crankshaft in proper relation with piston position. Chalk mark (1) shows dead center for crankshaft on timing ring graduated in degrees; light (2) aids mechanic in making proper setting.

With the foregoing timing there will be a trace of spark ping from 10 to 30 mph. When accelerating with wide open throttle from 10 mph.

When using lower grade fuels, or after carbon has accumulated, spark ping may be excessive with the specified timing. In such cases the ignition should be retarded not to exceed 4 deg. (.007 in.) later than specified timing.

In high altitudes there is less tendency for spark ping, and the same thing is true in low altitudes when using premium gasolines. In such cases improved performance may be obtained by advancing the spark not to exceed 4 deg. (.007 in.) ahead of specified timing.

Within the foregoing limits, i.e., from 4 deg. (.007 in.) earlier to 4 deg. (.007 in.) later than specified timing, a good rule to follow is to advance the spark until a slight ping is audible when accelerating from 10 mph. with open throttle.

The distributor should be moved clockwise to retard and counter-clockwise to advance the ignition.

Distributor Adjustment

Using a Timing Indicator over No. 6 cylinder, as shown in Fig. 2, bring the piston up on the compression stroke to the position shown in the foregoing chart.

Loosen the clamp bolt and rotate distributor body until breaker points just start to open. This may be checked by means of a test lamp connected between the distributor primary terminal and the battery terminal of the generator regulator. When the points are closed the light will be on, and as soon as the points break the light will go off. Press the distributor cam lightly against the direction of proper rotation so as to remove all backlash. Minor changes in ignition timing may be obtained by loosening the distributor lock plate and hold-down screw and rotating plate slightly in the proper direction.

Spark Plugs

Spark plug electrodes should be cleaned frequently in a sandblast-type cleaner to remove deposit formed by use



Fig. 2 . . . TIMING INDICATOR screwed into head of No. 6 cylinder on six-cylinder engine enables mechanic to adjust piston to proper position for adjusting timing. Test lamp connected between distributor primary terminal and battery terminal of generator regulator goes off as soon as break occurs between distributor points.

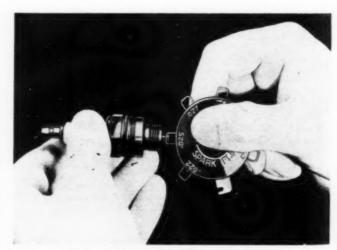


Fig. 3... ROUND FEELER GAGE checks correct spark gap between side and center wires of spark plug. All adjustments should be made on side wire, as bending of center wire may crack porcelain.

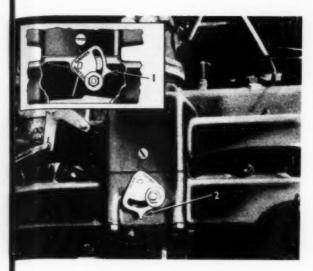


Fig. 4 . . . HEAT CONTROL SHAFT on exhaust manifold regulates amount of heat delivered to inlet manifold. Locking plate on heat control shaft is adjusted according to season of year.

of chemically treated fuels for high compression engines. Porcelains should also be cleaned every 2,500 to 3,000 mi.

After cleaning the spark plugs, the gap should be adjusted to .025 in., using a round feeler gage (Fig. 3). Make all adjustments on the side wire of the plug. If the center electrode is bent, the porcelain may crack, resulting in plug failure. Properly spaced and properly functioning spark plugs will affect operating economy as much as 10 percent. New spark plugs should be installed every 10,000 mi.

Fuel Must Be Conserved

The necessity for fuel conservation to facilitate the military effort stresses the need for special care of fuel systems in motor trucks. Fuel as well as tanks and fuel lines should be kept free of water and all foreign matter. Fuel filters should be cleaned regularly and kept in topnotch working condition.

The manifold heat control should be checked to make sure it is functioning. This device conserves fuel by hastening the "warm-up" of the engine. It should not be neglected, particularly under present conditions, and if not functioning properly it should be either replaced or repaired.

The exhaust manifold is equipped with an adjustable heat control which regulates the amount of heat by-passed around the inlet manifold heater body. Summer and winter positions are provided on the locking plate on the heat control shaft, as shown by Fig. 4. The position of the valve should be regulated according to the season of the year.

Correct carburetion is the key to fuel economy. The carburetor, however, is a delicate instrument, and it is safe to say that in a majority of cases, engine trouble that is first diagnosed by the average operator as faulty carburetion can be traced to some other source. As a general rule it is best to check ignition, compression and all other factors affecting engine operation before tampering

with the carburetor. But if the engine does not idle smoothly even though the ignition appears to be in good condition, valve clearance uniform and compression good, and if manipulation of the idle adjustment on the carburetor does not result in smooth performance, then it is time to consult a service man qualified on carburetors.

Valves Should Be Checked

Uniform and proper valve clearances are tremendously important to fuel economy. If engine power appears to be reduced, use of a compression gage may show that the valves are not seating right or that piston rings are worn. Low compression indicates that the engine should be opened and necessary repairs made. When the engine is not functioning normally, the sooner the valves are repaired the better. This usually will save replacements.

Compression should be tested (Fig. 5)

special grinding tool as indicated in Fig. 6.

Special valve-seat-insert reconditioning equipment has been developed. The following rules should be considered when using this special equipment: (1) Valve guides must be clean; (2) the upper end of the valve guide must be chamfered; (3) the valve guide pilot must fit snugly in the valve guide and be tightened securely in place; (4) the grinding stone must be trued for concentricity, on the diamond pressing tool; (5) the grinding stone must be operated dry to maintain proper grinding speed; (6) the finished seats should not exceed .0005 in. run out; check with indicator; (7) do not use valve grinding compound on valve seat inserts.

Inlet valves are not equipped with valve seat inserts and therefore may be reconditioned with standard valve seat cutting tools.

The intake valve seats in the cylinder block should be recut with suitable valve



Fig. 5... COMPRESSOMETER is used to make compression test on each cylinder while engine is turned by starter with all spark plugs out and throttle wide open.

while cranking the engine with the starter, all spark plugs out and the throttle wide open. Compression pressures depend on cranking speeds, engine temperature and compression ratio. If the reading is reasonably high and uniform, not varying more than 10 lb. between cylinders, the compression pressure may be considered normal. If the compression test shows an abnormal condition, it may be advisable to make an internal inspection of valves, pistons, rings, etc. An extremely low reading in two adjacent cylinders may indicate a blown-out cylinder head gasket.

Reconditioning Valve Inserts

Because of the hardness of the special valve seat inserts used in the exhaust valve ports, it is impossible to recut these seats. They must be reground with a

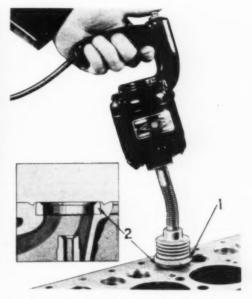


Fig. 6... SPECIAL TOOL (1) grinds hard valve seat inserts used in exhaust valve ports. It is impossible to recut these inserts. Grinding stone must be trued for concentricity on diamond pressing tool and must be operated dry to maintain proper grinding speed.

seat cutter. The seats should be cut only enough to remove pits or other depressions in the seat. Then grind a new seat surface on the valve head with a valve grinding machine. When new seats are finished, the valves and seats in the cylinder block should be lightly lapped together with suitable valve grinding compound to assure a tight seat. The valve heads have plain surfaces and may be oscillated by means of a rod fitted with a vacuum cup and operated either by machine or by hand.

Considerable care must be taken to make certain that all grinding compound is removed from the valve, valve seat, intake port and cylinder block.

Oil is precious now and should not be wasted as it will be if piston rings are worn. When this condition exists, not only is oil wasted, but the truck owner



Fig. 7 . . . FEELER GAGE of proper thickness checks gap in piston ring set square in cylinder bore about 1 in below top of engine block.

also risks running out of engine oil and damaging other parts of the power plant.

Piston Rings

Piston ring gap should be measured with the ring about 1 in. down in the cylinder bore to which it is fitted. Be sure the ring is square in the cylinder bore, and measure gap with proper thickness feeler gage (Fig. 7). Measure ring side clearance, as shown in Fig. 8, with feeler gage. Piston rings should be installed on the piston by means of a piston ring installing tool.

When installing a new set of rings without reconditioning the cylinder bores, always remove any ridge in the top of the bore with a reliable ridge reamer. Care must be taken not to cut below the top of the upper ring position in the



Fig. 8 . . . SIDE CLEARANCE of piston ring in piston groove is checked with feeler gage.

bore, and where possible cut the ridge before removing the piston assemblies, keeping the tops of the pistons covered to prevent cuttings from reaching bearings, crankshaft and other vital parts.

Clutch Pedal

Careless operation or "riding" the clutch pedal will shorten the life of this unit considerably. A certain amount of free play or movement of the clutch pedal is necessary to compensate for wear of the clutch facing and to avoid slippage.

Unusual Noises

Truck operators should be constantly on the alert for any unusual noises in the transmission, rear axle or in universal joints. Immediate inspection to determine the causes of these unusual noises usually will prevent damage to the units that may result later in costly repair bills.

Correct Engine Temperature

An efficient cooling system will maintain a temperature of about 150 deg. F. in the truck engine, which assures full economy of operation and minimizes the

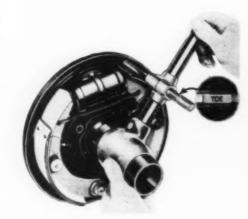


Fig. 9... BRAKE SHOE ADJUSTING CAMS (1 and 2) for setting toes of brake shoes are turned "out", as indicated by arrows, to decrease clearance between toes of brake shoes and brake drum. To check toes of lined brake shoes in making major brake adjustment, as described in accompanying text, finger of brake shoe gage arbor is turned to "toe", as shown, and toes of brake shoes are adjusted until lining just contacts this finger.

formation of water and acid vapors in the crankcase. When anti-freeze solution is used, it is important to check the water pump, hose connections and cylinder head to make sure there are no leaks. If anti-freeze leaks into the engine, it will contaminate the oil, cause sticky piston rings and probably damage other engine parts.

Brakes that are in proper adjustment with facings in good condition not only assure adequate braking force to help prevent damage to the truck and its cargo through accidents, but also help prevent uneven and unnecessary wear that may require expensive repairs or needless tire wear.

Brake Adjustment

Brake shoe adjustments are divided into two classes—minor and major. A minor brake shoe adjustment is made by moving the "toes" of the brake shoes. The toe of the brake shoe is the end which fits into the wheel cylinder; the heel is the opposite end, attached to the anchor bolt. The cams (Nos. 1 and 2 in Fig. 9) for adjusting the toes of the brake shoes can be reached from the outside of the brake support plate (Fig. 10).

Major adjustments are made by moving both the heels and toes of the brake shoes to centralize the shoes in relation to the drum diameter. To make a major adjustment, the wheel and hub assemblies should be removed.

Minor Adjustment (Except Booster)

Pedal travel is termed "free play" and should be approximately ½ to ¼ in. This pedal free play can be felt readily by hand and is the movement of the pedal before the push rod touches the master cylinder piston. If necessary, this adjustment can be made easily by changing the



Fig. 10 . . . TURNING BRAKE SHOE CAM for minor adjustment of toe from outside brake support plate, direction A increases clearance and direction B decreases clearance between brake lining and brake drum.

length of the master cylinder push rod.
To adjust the brake shoe cams (Fig.
10), the following steps should be taken:

(1) turn the brake shoe cam adjusting nut "out" until the front shoe lining is solid against the drum, and the wheel is locked, then back off the nut until the wheel may be spun without interference; (2) turn the cam on the rear shoe "out" at top until wheel is locked, then back off until free; (3) follow the same procedure at all four wheels.

A minor adjustment should be made when the brake drums are at room tem-(Continued on page 134)

Small Tools on Construction

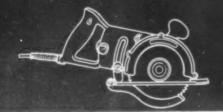
A Special Pictorial Section Illustrating Scores of On-the-Job Applications for Contractors and Engineers

Every project involving engineered construction, whether it be large or small, calls for both heavy-duty and light-duty operations. Both are important if the job is to be done within the estimated limits of time and cost. While heavy-duty machines such as power shovels, cranes, draglines, concrete mixers, tractors, scrapers, motor trucks and air compressors have long been standard equipment on construction work, it is only within recent years that construction men have realized the opportunities for applying small partable tools powered by electricity, compressed air or gas, for scores of light-duty operations.

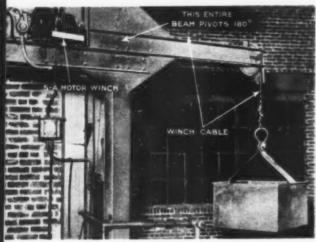
On construction for well purposes, where mass production and prefabrication methods have been developed on a large scale, as in the case of mass housing, shippards, army cantonments and naval bases, the range of small-took applications is exceptionally wide.

Construction Methods presents herewith a special section of close-up, on-the-job action pictures illustrating scores of typical small-tool applications and indicating the great variety of services that these tools can be called upon to perform for contractors and engineers.

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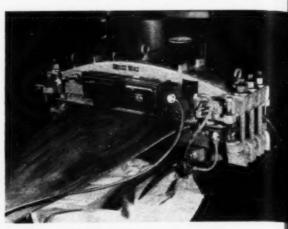
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MOTOR-DRIVEN WINCH of Stephens-Adamson make proves useful piece of equipment for any job requiring lifting of heavy weights. Cantilever beam carrying loads swings through 180-deg. arc.



DRINKING WATER SERVICE for construction workers on job is provided by Ajax mobile drinkwell and individual sanitary paper cups carried on back of water-boy. Galvanized iron tank of 17-qt. capacity is equipped with dust-tight cover, thumb-push faucet, 250-cup dispenser and waste cup bag. Weight of outfit, filled, is 48 lb.



ELECTRIC VULCANIZER repairs damage to 48-in. Goodrich conveyor belt. Clamping bolts provide 100-lb, per sq. in. pressure over entire belt surface. Heating elements operate at low temperature of about 287 deg. F.



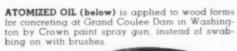
DOUBLE-GUNNING on manganese steel bucket is done with Ingersoll-Rand riveting hammers.



ON DEMOLITION OF TIMBER STRUCTURE nuts on bolts are run off by Chicago Pneumatic impact-type wrench.

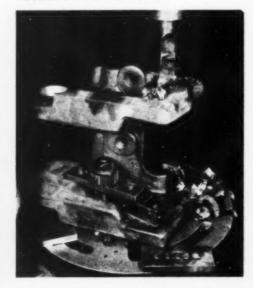


CONCRETE FOR FLOOR SLAB in industrial plant is consolidated by Master vibrator, powered electrically.





HARDSTEEL DRILL (below) puts 1/2-in. hole in 17-percent manganese steel tank shoe. Time-saving tool of Black Drill Co. is suitable for repair or maintenance of construction equipment when hardened steels must be drilled.



PORTABLE POWER UNIT (below) of Beaver manufacture, designed for bench or stand use, makes pipe machines of hand tools. Unit thread's pipe up to 2-in. diameter and bolts up to $1\frac{1}{2}$ -in. diameter. Also operates geared cutters and threaders on pipe sizes up to 8-in.



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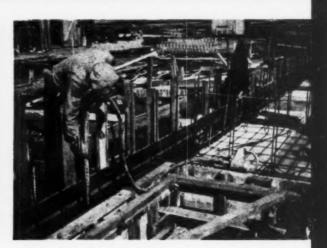






FOR SPRAYING of painting materials, including red lead, white lead, mill white and casein paints, interchangeable multiple heads are feature of Paasche air-brush (left, above) weighing only 22 oz. All working parts are fully inclosed in strong machined brass body to protect against damage

FOR STREET WIDENING job in Memphis, Tenn., concrete sidewalk is broken by Thor paving breaker operated by compressed air from Le Roi portable compressor.



CONCRETE IN WALL FORMS on defense construction job is consolidated and distributed around steel reinforcement with aid of Viber electrically powered concrete vibrator.



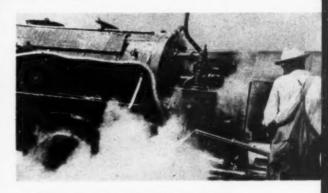


PAVEMENT CUTS (above, left) for street repairs are made quickly with Thor medium-weight paving breaker powered by compressed air.

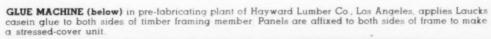
STEEL FLAGPOLE is moved horizontally a distance of 9 ft. to new foundation through narrow trench as 10-ton Blackhawk jack shoves against concrete block. Steel tube extensions are added to ram of jack as pushing progresses.

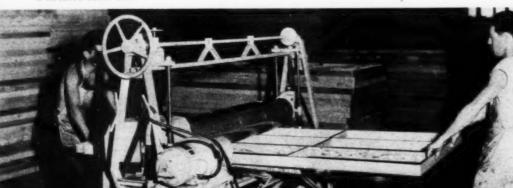


SELF LOCKING SAFETY WINCH is used by painters to raise and lower Patent Scaffold Co. hanging scaffold on 34-story McGraw-Hill Building in New York City.

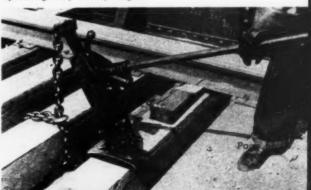


CLEANING OF CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT is done with Oakite steam-detergent gun, which quickly removes grease and dirt.





TILTING BASE (below) is feature of this Simplex jack designed for bridge, viaduct and trestle work Base is narrow, to fit between ties, and is notched for spiking or bolting. Dual-lever sockets make operating easy at any angle.



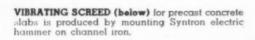


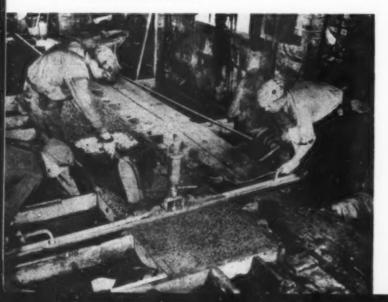
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CUT IN GAS MAIN is made with Thor-Nado electric hammer operated by workmen of Union Pa-cific Railway, in oil field at Long Beach, Calif.



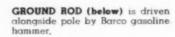




STEEL DECK PLATES at shipyard are bolted up with Ingersoll-Rand impact wrench powered by compressed air. Reversible unit weighing 29 lb. operates at 625 rpm. and produces 1,250 impacts per min. Suitable for nuts on bolts up to 11/4-in.



CLEANING OF STEEL SURFACE preparatory to painting is done with this Aurand electrically operated tool.





PULLING OF TRACTOR WHEELS, common operation in maintenance and repair of construction equipment, is accomplished readily with chain pull plate in combination with remotely operated 10-ton Blackhawk Porto-Power jack.



DAILY YARDAGE of average shoveler is increased by use of "deep-hang" blade on Razor-Back shovel designed to balance load. Center of tool made by Union Fork & Hoe Co. is forged thicker to permit drawing deeper bend.

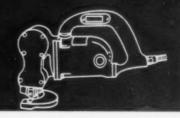


IN CLOSE QUARTERS, compact construction facilitates use of Mall $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. heavy-duty electric drill.

FOR DRILLING CROSS-ARMS (below) for high tension power line poles in Oregon, six Black & Decker ¼-in. electric drills are mounted to operate simultaneously, finishing 70 complete cross-arms per hour.



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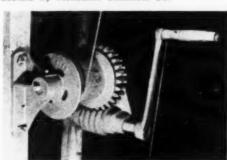




HIGHWAY REALIGNMENT in Mendocino County, Calif., necessitated removal of giant redwoods up to 7 ft. in diameter by California Division of Highways. Logs are cut by Hansen gasoline-powered saw

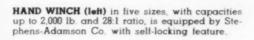


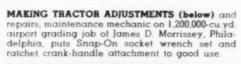
AUTOMATIC STAPLER is used to fasten to wood sash new type shatter-proof window pane of transparent plastic laminated with wire mesh. New material called Vuelite is made of cellulose acetate by Monsanto Chemical Co.





EXPANSION BOLT HOLES are drilled in brick masonry wall with Wodack electric hammer.









COMPOSITION MATERIALS, such as Celotex, Masonite, Transite and others, are readily cut with electrically-powered Skilsaw. This tool eliminates need for first drilling hole and then cutting out with key-hole saw.



SHEET METAL for ventilating and heating ducts is cut by Stanley Unishear, replacing hand snips for fast cutting.

STRENGTH OF PIPE WRENCH (below) for jobs where failure of materials would result in accidents to operator is assured by using, for Trimo tools, special heat-treated alloy of chrome molybdenum, manganese and nickel steels.





Small Tools



PORTABLE EARTH-BORING DRILL, designed for holes from 3 to 16 in. in diameter, has hardened steel cutting head below screw. Special cutting blade of Ka-Mo tool allows drill to bore in sand, mud or clay without grabbing. Flight conveyor brings excavated earth to surface.



TRACTOR TREADS are torn down and rebuilt with aid of Black & Decker electrically-powered nut runner.



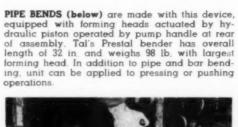
CLUTCH FACE for motor truck sent to shop for repairs is ground with a Dumore precision grinder operated by a 1/2-hp, induction motor.



cement Floor Finisher is powered by 2.3-hp. gasoline engine with automatic clutch. Whiteman unit has three 6x18-in. rotating trowels controlled by operator while machine is in motion by adjusting control handle. Heavy-duty blades, 10x18 in., for floating are interchangeable. Operating rate is claimed as 1,000 sq. it. of floor in 15 min.



WOOD SHEET PILING at U. S. Naval Air Base is driven by Barco gasoline operated hammer.





HOLES FOR POSTS AND POLES (below) are put down quickly by Buda-Hebron earth drill mount-ed on rear end of truck.



FOR COLD WEATHER CONCRETING Aeroil heat er is mounted on concrete mixer to warm aggregate with kerosene flame.





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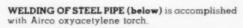




WORN LUGS ON CAST IRON MANHOLE COVER are built up with bronze welding rod and Linde oxyacetylene torch.



DRIVING OF SHEETPILING in gravel at rate of 4 ft. per min. is being done with this Chicago Pneumatic hammer. Use of tool, it is claimed, eliminates "brooming" common in hand driving.







STEEL REINFORCEMENT for concrete slab in building is cut by powerful Porter bar cutter.



DENT IN BULLDOZER BLADE is taken out with aid of Simplex push-pull tool



REVERSIBLE RATCHET feature on heavy Lowell bridge-builders wrench facilities use by steel erection crew.



HEAVY MACHINE which has just moved into place is leveled with aid of Duff-Norton 25-ton heavy-duty jack.

TREE OF 40-IN. DIAMETER (below) is felled with Mall 2-cycle gasoline engine-driven chain saw, equipped with safety guard and positive lubricated saw guide. A saw-sharpening attachment can be furnished as optional equipment.



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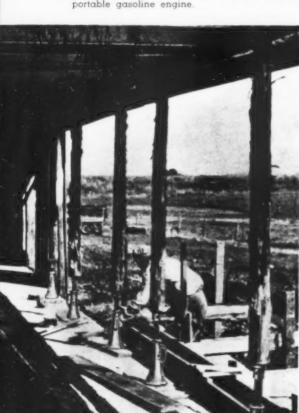




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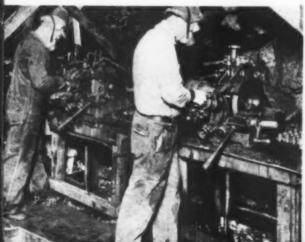


CONCRETE IN HEAVILY REINFORCED FLOOR SLAB is vibrated with Mall unit powered by portable gasoline engine.



RAISING OF SHED by lowa contractor is done with aid of twenty Simplex screw-jacks to provide for laying of hollow tile wall.



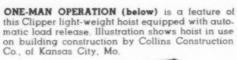




CONCRETE WITHIN FORMS is consolidated and distributed around reinforcement with aid of White vibrators powered by portable gasoline engines mounted on wheelbarrow chassis.



BURNED END OF COPPER TIP on spot welding machine is cleaned and straightened up by abrasive band on Dumore hand grinder operating at 22,000 rpm.







SPIKES FOR BRIDGE FLOOR construction on West Coast are driven rapidly by Thor pneumatic hammer in much less time than would be required by hand hammer driving.



PIPE CLOSE TO WALL is threaded by Armstrong ratchet stock operating in close quarters. Also illustrated is 3-wheel pipe cutter which can be operated where there is room for only one-third rotation of handle.

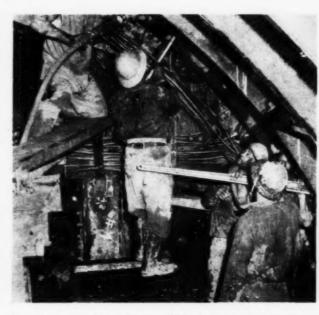
MORTAR JOINTS (below) are grooved for tuckpointing by Wodack electric wragler. Tool is also applicable for scoring concrete floors and cutting slate and tile. Cutting is done with 8-in abrasive wheel.

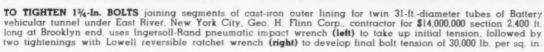


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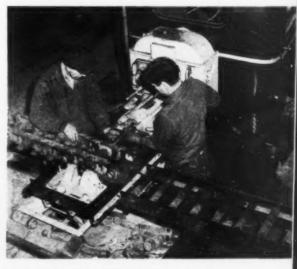
LUMBER FOR FORM WORK is ripped on C.H.&E. saw rig powered by 12-hp., 4-cylinder gasoline engine mounted on back of table and driving 20-in. circular saw through V-belt. Table top can be tilted 45 deg.



REMOVAL OF RIVETS from hopper car is accomplished with Oxweld blowpipe and low-velocity rivet-cutting nozzle. Stream of low-velocity oxygen quickly oxidizes rivet head but does not affect adjacent plate.



LAG-SCREW DRIVERS of Black & Decker make are used by Norfolk & Western Railroad on heavy-duty rails.



PORTABLE TRACK-PIN PRESS mounted on truck for easy mobility and driven by power take-off from truck transmission to oil pump of Rodgers hydraulic unit removes and replaces pins and bushings of crawler tracks for George M. Brew-ster & Son Co., contractor, Bogota, N. J.

HOLE-SAW ATTACHMENT (below) on Stanley electric drill makes openings in side-wall of house prior to application of





EQUIPPED WITH SPECIAL CHISELS (below) Syntron electric hammers cut mortar from joints in brick wall prior to waterproofing operations.

EXTENSION DRILL ATTACHMENT (below) REMOVAL OF WATER (below) from sumps and ditches is done overhead on joists or studs for electrical and plumbing installations.







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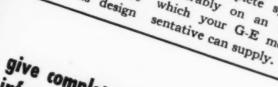
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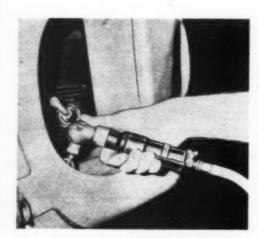
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CONCRETE CURING COMPOUND, known as Aquastatic, is claimed by its manufacturers to insure complete hydration, maximum strength, durability and surface density. Advantages listed:
(1) Dries within 15 min. to form adherent, impermeable membrane that thoroughly seals surface;
(2) curing operation for slab concrete completed within 35 min., approximately one-half time necessary to wait for sufficient set to apply burlap, cotton or similar retentive covering; (3) produces results in concrete similar to that obtainable with water curing by providing continued curing for extended periods whereas water curing is effec-

tive but for specified period; (4) minimizes and usually eliminates crazing or surface hairline checking; (5) increases not only compressive and flexural strength, but also because it is chemically inert (non-reactive) it produces surface having exceptional durability with maximum resistance to erosion and abrasion; (6) need not be removed when it is desired to apply waterproofing membranes, reflecting runway markers or camouflage. Applied either with spray or brush in single coat. Spreading rate per gal. should not exceed 200-250 sq.ft. of specific area of surface.—Solvents & Plastics Co., 3032 Forsythe Blvd., St. Louis, Mo.



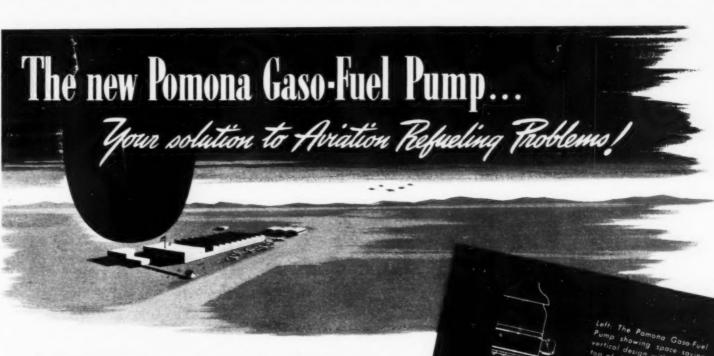
LIGHT ROTARY MULTIPLE-ANGLE DRILL features drilling head which can be set at any angle through 360 deg., permitting tool to fulfill function of several angle drills. Head swivels in two planes and may be turned to any position relative to location of throttle lever. Operator may bring tingers close to point of application, thus increasing accuracy in handling drill and insuring more speed in changing from one position to another. Weight 2½ lb. Length 8 in., when set for drilling in direction parallel to center line. Chuck is for ½-in. drill. Speed of two models, 1,000 and 2,000 rpm.—The Cleveland Pneumatic Tool Co., 3734 E. 78th St., Cleveland, Ohio.

WELDING TRANSFORMERS, heavy-duty, a. c. models especially designed for Unionmelt welding, are available in 750- and 1,000-amp. sizes for 220, 440 and 550 v.

lor 220, 440 and 550 v. Features of line: (1) Built-in capacitors for improving voltage regulation of power feeders, thus aiding uniform welding; (2) built-in primary control not only simplifies wiring, but also is advantageous in portable installations because of its compactness. It includes disconnecting switch and auxiliary transformer to furnish power for operation of Unionmelt auxiliaries. Motor-operated, remote adjustment of welding current permits operator to make current adjustments with-

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without use of high or multiple open-circuit taps.
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of ducts permits two welders to be mounted side
by side without need of extra space between them
for ventilating air. Current output of each welding
transformer is indicated by large, calibrated scale
on front of case. Inorganic insulation is used
throughout.— General Electric Co., Schenectady,
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Particularly Recommended for Transfer Pumping of Underground Storage at Airfields, Base Storage Points, etc.

THERE has long been vital need for a pump specifically designed to meet the unique requirements of gasoline and fuel oil transfer pumping, airfield refueling systems, etc. After extensive research and development, Pomona engineers have perfected such a pump, the Pomona Vertical Gaso-Fuel Pump! This pump overcomes the many drawbacks of conventional-type units in gaso-fuel service, and has been particularly engineered to insure safe handling of volatile liquids under hazardous conditions. A few of its unique features include . . .

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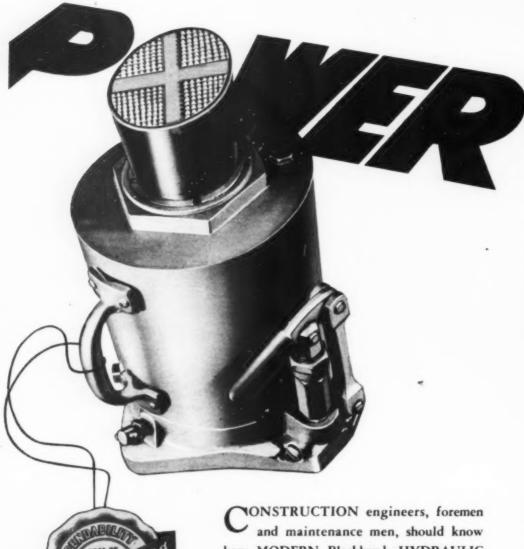
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ASBESTOS SAFETY BLASTING PLUG provides those engaged in demolition work with what is said to be cheap economical and efficient sealing device for drill holes to replace conventional sand or earth bag stemming ordinarily used in blasting or mining operations. Device consists of tapered wedge which is driven into asbestos cup with loading pole producing expansion of cup, filling drill hole and sealing it airtight directly above powder charge. In this way charge is properly confined and drill hole is sealed with one plug only. Methods of use: Charge drill hole, push plug unit into hole until it rests against powder, and strike several times with loading pole. Expansion of plug then takes place, sealing hole. Fuse or exploder leg wires embed themselves in folds of cup safe from breakage or damage of any sort. In case of misfired hole, insert another primer into drill hole and reseal with another plug. These plugs said to be particularly adapted to difficult blasting and may be used in drill holes of any direction. In overhead shots in pitch and raise work, plug provides means of retaining powder without difficulty. Plugs are light in weight, are mot bulky or cumbersome and, since they are made of asbestos, cannot burn, smoke, create either gas or smoke or add anything detrimental to atmosphere of work surroundings. Cost of plugs claimed to be less than expense of preparing sand or earth bags; also to be easier to handle, with considerably less waste and labor.—Heitzman Safety Blasting Plug Corp.. Shamokin, Pa.



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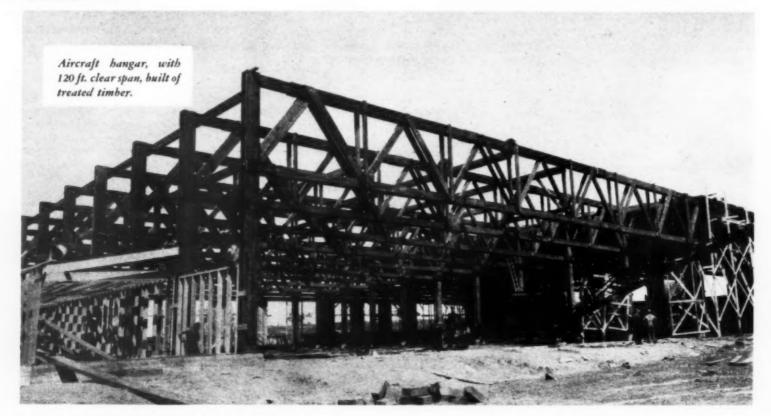
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Information for contractors about Du Pont Explosives, "Ventube" and "CZC"

HANDLING OF "VENTUBE"

No matter how good a product is, its life can be seriously shortened by neglect or improper care. "Ventube" is no exception to this rule. That's why it pays to handle "Ventube" carefully . . . keep a supply on hand of du Pont's special patching cement and cloth . . . and always observe correct storage methods. Complete details are contained in the new "Ventube" handbook.



DID YOU KNOW?

. THAT waste kitchen fats are needed now to help supply the glycerine required for manufacturing dynamite . . . THAT you can help your country and your industry by urging housewives to save fats and sell them to their local butcher.

. THAT "CZC", in addition to being a wood preservative, makes wood fire resisting. Usual treatment makes timber hard to ignite, while slightly higher retentions give a high degree of fire resistance.

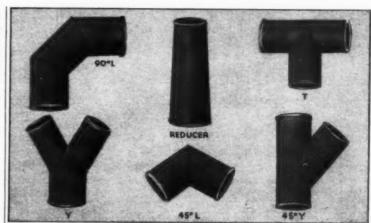
THAT "Ventube" was carried into the high Andes by airplane for use in copper mines in Chile.

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"Ventube" is Du Pont's registered trade mark for its rubber-impregnated flexible ventilating duct.

Equipment Life Prolonged By Using More Explosives

A du Pont representative with | shot. This is in line with their | many contacts in the field, passes on this tip for conserving equipment. He writes:

"In talking with various contractors the last several months I find many of them inclined to use a little more explosives on their work, rather than try to rip and dig material which should have been

present practice to do everything possible to conserve their equipment which in many cases cannot be replaced."

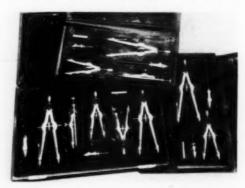
This suggestion does not advocate wasteful use of explosives. It simply points out that right now it doesn't pay to be "penny

them. A bit more explosive is less expensive and far more available than shovel teeth, truck bodies and other replacement parts.

Your du Pont representative will gladly advise on the correct quantity and type of explosives to use, and on all other factors involved in making blasting wise and pound foolish" in using | meet today's requirements.



AMERICAN MADE DRAWING INSTRUMENTS, available in three combinations of bows, drop bows and pens and marketed under name of Vemco, are said to embody unusual features of open truss design which increases strength and rigidity while cutting weight 40 percent. This rigidity combined with absolute concentricity, it



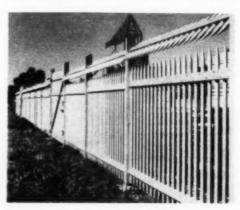
is said, enables user to describe extra large, dense circles in pencil without any yielding on part of instrument. Each bow has centerscrew adjustment which articulates with legs by cylindrical nuts. Legs bear upon double-grooved hinge pin of broad base, said to assure strength and perfect alignment. Construction is of steel, satin-chrome plated. Sets are available in one, two and three bow combinations complete with dividers and pens. Packed in leather cases.—



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ed pickets 2x2 in. by 6 ft. held between 2x4-in. rails at top and bottom. Rails are notched to one-half thickness of pickets so that two faces of rails meet. Ends of rails are supported in notches which are cut into pair of mortised strips, or cleats, fastened to wide sides of posts. This method of fabrication leaves post infact and promotes economical rapid erection. Guard rail is composed of 20-in. pickets pointed at both ends and set at 45-deg. angle. — Weyerhauser Sales Co., First National Bank Bldg., St. Paul. Minn.

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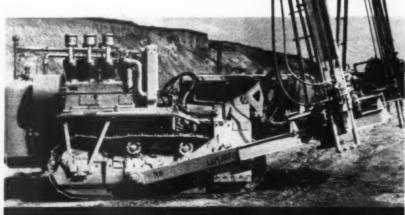
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SAFETY CLOTH made of 10-mesh cotton with tough, transparent plastic film is designed to provide (1) either permanent or emergency "flexible" window for buildings of any kind without use of priority metals and materials and (2) to be used as protection upon inside of glass windows, to reduce danger to persons or property should window be shattered by bombing or other shocks. Available in 100-yd. rolls 28 in. wide, totalling 702 sq.ft. Advantages claimed: (1) Does not shatter; (2) admits light; (3) resists weather; (4) easily installed; (5) affords low cost protection.—Colloid Equipment Co., Inc., 50 Church St., New York, N. Y.



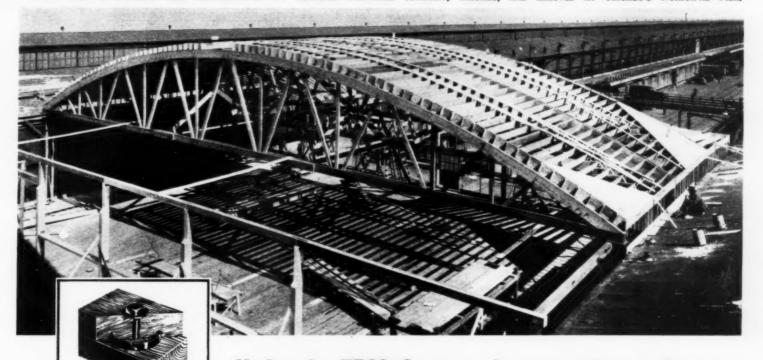
ROLLER ATTACHMENT for 99-M power grader is recommended by its makers for patching or consolidating shoulders, stabilizing soil, resurfacing and similar operations where weight, power and maneuverability of such a grader are needed to handle such work satisfactorily. Combination is claimed to work well even when rolls are forced down for maximum compression because every "99-M" wheel is steered and driven by power, giving operator full and abso-



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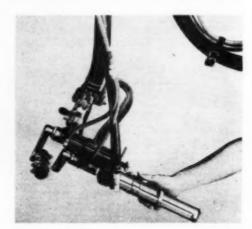


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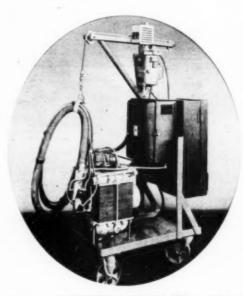


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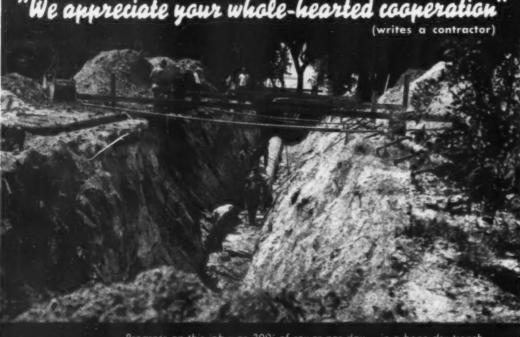
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¾" to %"	5	5" to 5¾"	18"
I" to 11/8"	6	61/2" to 71/4"	24"
11/4" to 13/8"	7	8" to 8¾"	24"
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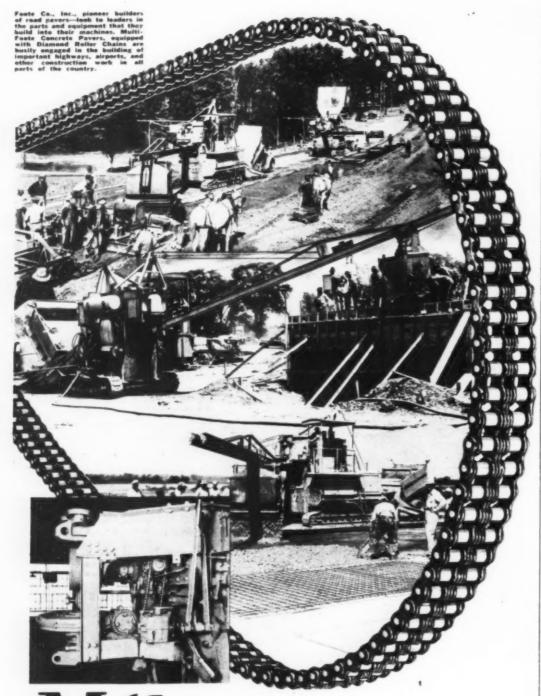
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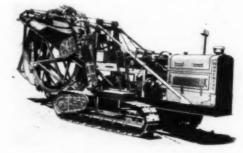
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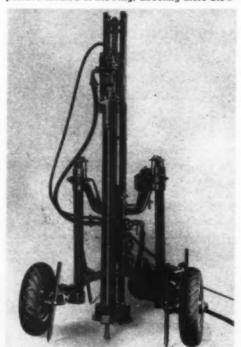


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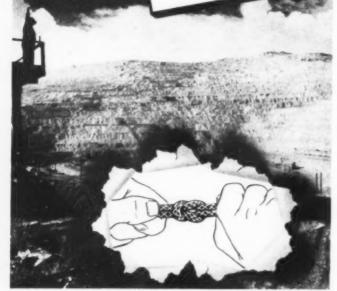
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INDUSTRIAL RUBBER PRODUCTS CONSERVA-TION—Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., Akron, Ohio. (40 pp. illustrated.) A complete treatise on the best methods of handling conveyor belts, power belts, hose, drop curtains, and Plioweld installa-tions in order to assure a more useful life. Prac-tically all the "don'ts" applicable to industrial rubber in its many forms; as well as most of the "must do's" are illustrated with well-conceived line drawings.

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TIRES IN CONSTRUCTION AND ALLIED FIELDS—Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio. (112 pp. illustrated, many engineering tables.) A satisfactorily full treatment of the many types of tires made by this company for the multiple uses demanded by construction. In addition, much interesting and valuable information is displayed showing the various kinds of tire failures and telling how each is best to be avoided. Ten pages of tabulations exhibit recommended types for various vehicles. The two booklets give valuable data for the users of trucks, buses, trailers, passenger cars and industrial vehicles, as well as directions for keeping commercial vehicles operating during these critical days

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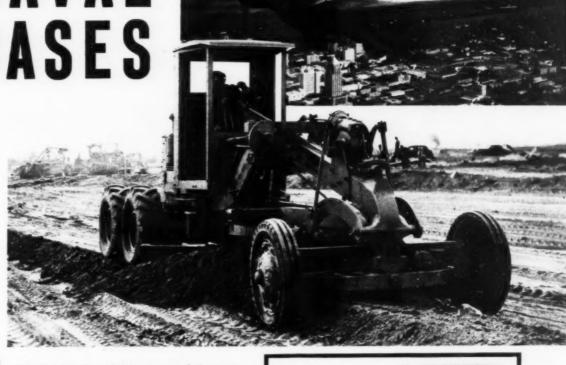
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A. LESCHEN 6 SONS ROPE COMPANY. St. Louis, Mo. (44 pp. illustrated.) Practical advice on how to prolong the useful life of wire rope by always considering its special character. Also contains description of many time-tried methods of binding, splicing and handling this material so essential and so important during this period of war shortages. of war shortages.

AMERICAN STEEL & WIRE COMPANY, Cleve land, Ohio. (50 pp. illustrated.) Complete in-structions for field and factory employment of all types of wire rope, together with tested and ap-proved methods of obtaining the maximum life from this product.

MACWHITE COMPANY, Kenosha, Wis. (4 pp. illustrated, plus many informative bulletins.) A collection of wire-rope users' experience, outlining the science by which this material's life can be extended. The informative bulletins treat of the effects of, and the way to avoid, corrosion, the value of using sheaves made from a material of proper hardness, the advantage of thoroughly lubricating rollers, the advantage of thoroughly lubricating rope, the virtue of a regular inspection of an installation, the saving in time and money brought about by selecting the correct rope for equipment, and ways to make your dollar go farther and conserve steel.

JOHN A. ROEBLING'S SONS CO., Trenton, N. J. (92 pp. illustrated.) A comparison of the various grades and types of wire rope, including a brief discussion of the uses to which each is especially suitable, and many tables showing the load-carrying capacity of most sizes as well as other important engineering data. Full data concerning most types of clips, thimbles, sockets, hoods and clamps are given.

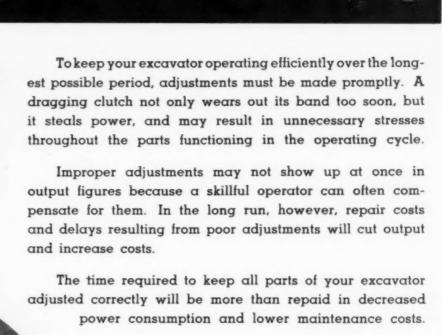
UNION WIRE ROPE CORPORATION. Kansas City, Mo. (4 booklets plus various educational bulletins.) A complete and practical education bulletins.) A complete and practical education in wire rope engineering can be obtained from the numerous publications of this company. Of the booklets, one treats of "Socketing," one of "Correct Handling," one of "Splicing Wire Rope" and another is a general dissertation on wire rope considered as the "Steel Tendons of Modern Industry." Educational bulletins appear under the appropriate name "Rope Dope," and individually deal with various types of wire rope, the forces destructive of this material and the care necessary to conserve it, and, among others, the methods of installation approved by this company. this company

POWER SHOVELS AND CRANES—Thew Shovel Co., Lorain, Ohio. (149 pp., illustrated, price \$1.00.) Loose-leaf handbook descriptive of the operation, care, adjustment and use of power shovels, cranes, draglines, skimmers, backdiggers, moto-cranes and shovels, Included are complete directions for operating the controls in Lorain shovels of all types and thoroughly competent sections descriptive of the power plant and the transmission. The inspection, lubrication and adjustment of various mechanical parts are treated in detail.

LUBRICATION-Standard Oil Company (Indiana). A folder that points out the destructive effect of heat on the important parts of the internal combustion engine. Also, suggests how this destroyer can be minimized by the use of a proposition of the control of engineered lubricant

TRUCK MAINTENANCE—Service Division, General Motors Truck and Coach Co., Pontiac, Mich. (17 pp., illustrated.) A compilation of the methods found satisfactory by a large manufacturer in tound satisfactory by a large manufacturer in keeping up a preventive maintenance service on trucks. Each item of the mechanical set-up is treated fully to indicate how users can obtain maximum service at this time when wear is as important as war. Also available from the same company are numerous folders illustrative of ways in which truck owners can aid our war effort by properly maintaining their rolling equipment.

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THE OSGOOD COMPANY, Marion, Ohio. (328 pp. illustrated.) Bearing the official Army designation, TM5-2104, this book presents, in concise form, a manual for the operation and maintenance of Model 200 shovels, draglines, clamshells. cranes, back-hoes and piledrivers manufactured under War Dept. Purchase Order 53596. Containing a complete chapter on maintenance, and a separate chapter on parts as on the Buda power plant, this book should prove indispensable for all owners and operators of this well-known line.

R. G. LE TOURNEAU. INC., Stockton, Calif. (3 pamphlets with a total of 80 pp. Illustrations plus the "Co-operators.") The operation, maintenance and repair of 'dozers, rooters and sheepsfoot rollers is completely described and the range of usefulness of these well-known implements is adequately covered, each under a separate cover. In the "Co-operator" will be found considerable information touching upon the accomplishments of many of this company's products. Hints regarding the most economical ways of utilizing all earth moving equipment also is given.

I. D. ADAMS COMPANY. Indianapolis, Ind. (56 pp., illustrated.) A manual prepared for "the use of those who operate and service the machines" of the Adams Company. Conveniently arranged to permit ready reference to the point under question, it gives the reader a clear insight into the adaptability and characteristics of the modern motor-driven grader. Emphasis is placed on the importance of the proper use of a grader, if low maintenance costs are to be kept in mind.

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Motor Truck Conservation

THE WHITE MOTOR CO., Cleveland, Ohio. (8 pp., mostly illustrations.) A clear presentation via photo reproduction of the reasons for the setting up of a truck conservation plan. The vital necessity of truck conservation should be appreciated by all truck owners. The plan advocated, which has been exhibited in full-page advertisements in leading magazines is a well thought through program for saving strategically needed manhours, machines and metals.

THE FOUR WHEEL DRIVE AUTO CO., Clintonville, Wis. (Various monthly bulletins, each of 4 pp.) This method of driving an internal-combustion engine propelled vehicle had its first serious trial during our last run-in with Germany. The various monthly service bulletins issued by this company each treat in detail one or more of the to-be-watched points of a truck if its operator is at all concerned with the conservation of critical men, machines and materials.

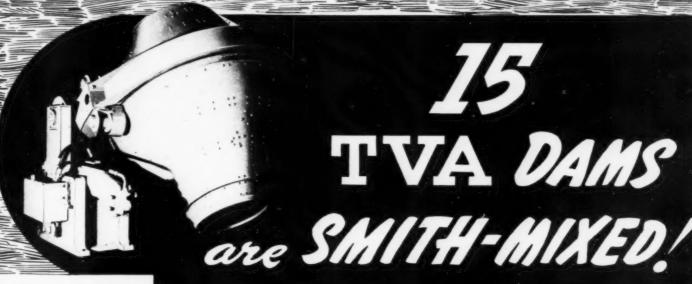
MACK-INTERNATIONAL MOTOR TRUCK COR-PORATION, Long Island City, New York. (8 pp. illustrated.) "Serve by Conserving" is the title of a small booklet embodying the experience of one of the most important manufacturers in the field of heavy hauling. In concise form, the many services that should be given a truck at various periods are displayed for easy check reference.



MAINTENANCE OF WIRE CABLES—Simplex Wire & Cable Co... Cambridge, Mass. (14 pp.) Listing of the various materials going into the manufacture of wires and cables, together with a statement covering the relative difficulty of obtaining each and a reasoned plea that these materials be conserved through the careful use of all supplies.



ROAD-BED COMPACTION—The Huber Manufacturing Co., Marion, Ohio. (28 pp. illustrated.) The care and operation of the 10- and 12-ton gasoline powered rollers of this company is well described. While the conservation of critical materials receives but scant overt mention, the necessity for care in this detail is covertly apparent in the writing of every page of this book-



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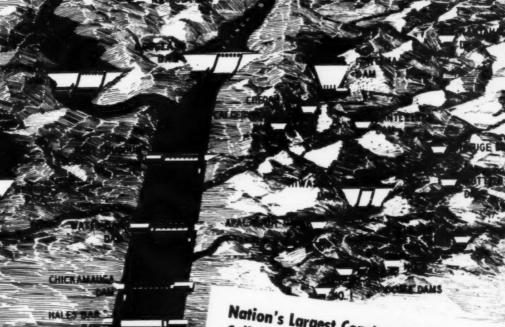
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POWER-DRIVEN DIAPHRAGM PUMPS—Nove Engine Company, Lansing, Mich. (44 pp. illustrated.) Perhaps there is no peace-time equipment more necessary to a modern army engineering corps than a pump. Under the Army designation TM5-500-8 has been issued in admirable form for ready reference, a "General Description and Characteristics of Novo Model AD Diaphragm Pumps" with adequate instructions for their care and operation." This handy manual should be found most useful to all who employ this type of pump for any of the many uses to which it is applicable.

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CONSERVATION OF MECHANICAL RUBBER GOODS—The Manhattan Rubber Mig. Division of Raybestos-Manhattan. Inc. Passaic, N. J. (Wall cards.) Three 9½x11-in. cardboard directions to be displayed in places where rubber hose and/or belts are used, remind workers what should or should not be done if the life of mechanical rubber goods is to be extended.

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STORAGE BATTERIES SHOULD BE CAREFULLY MAINTAINED — The Electric Storage Battery Co., Philadelphia, Penna. (Two booklets, 46 pp., illustrated.) Particularly of interest to operators of automotive equipment are the two booklets, describing the precautions that should be observed when installing and utilizing this accessory to an internal combustion engine. Some of these "do's" and "don'ts" may have slipped users' minds in their anxiety to speed production. These booklets should serve to remind them of the importance of detail in servicing and keeping at its highest efficiency this essential piece of equipment.

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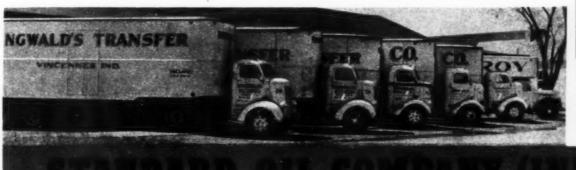


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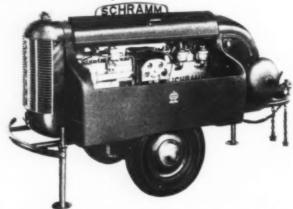


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Co., Cleveland, Ohio. (8 pp., illustrated.) Ideas
to help owners keep their equipment rolling or
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TRUCK-LOADER — George Haiss Mig. Co. New York, N. Y. (19 pp., illustrated.) Any contractor who has much material to move from a stock-pile who has much material to move from a stock-pile or windrow to a truck—coal, gravel, earth or snow —will be interested in this bound "Instructions for Operation" of the Haiss Loader. Complete directions for unloading, lubricating and operating this man-hour saving equipment are given, as well as some general suggestions dealing with the best methods to employ in obtaining the optimum results.

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SETTING UP FORMS FOR CONCRETE — Samuel S. Colt. Orange, N. J. (6-p. folder, illustrated.) A description of a method of employing paper tubes to inclose form-holding tierods in concrete construction, which saves up to 100 percent of the steel usually employed. Other Colt specialties also are described. also are described

CONSERVATION THROUGH FRICTION REDUC-TION—New Departure Division of General Motors Corporation. Bristol, Conn. (Two booklets, 36 pp.) Shop Manual gives instructions for the installa-tion of ball bearings in industrial machinery. Other manual for automobile trucks and other automotive vehicles gives directions for installing ball bearings and maintaining them.

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booklets, 80 pp., illustrated.) Treatments of both the carburetor-type and the Hesselman-type oil-engine. This latter engine is not a true diesel since it employs a spark-plug, rather than cylinder tem-peratures, to ignite the fuel. However, it possesses peratures, to ignite the fuel. However, it possesses a number of advantages over the compression-ignition engine, all of which are covered in these interesting booklets. Both types of engines are manufactured by the Waukesha company, which has rendered an important service to those concerned with utilizing our natural resources to the full. A better understanding of the advantages of the various types of small prime movers can be obtained from these booklets.

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DIESEL ENGINE LUBRICATION — Kendall Refining Co., Bradford, Penna. (36 pp., illustrated.) An easily comprehended monograph-type booklet describing the operation characteristics of the diesel, or compression-ignition engine. Though it is intended reasonably to point out the advantages of a particular brand of diesel oil, its compendious character makes it a valuable introduction to the study of this type of prime mover.

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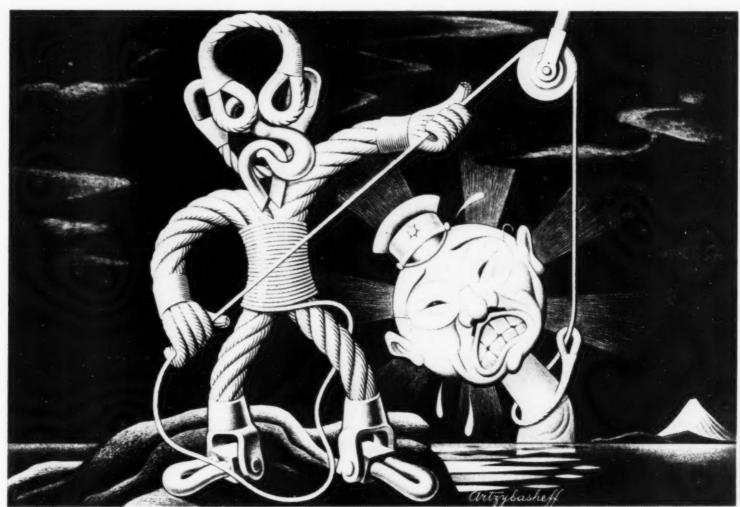
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VALVOLINE OIL COMPANY. Cincinnati, Ohio. (72 pp. Tables.) Anyone desirous of obtaining a quick though adequate understanding of the theory lying behind the use and purposes of lubricating oil in his internal combustion engine—compression-ignition or carburetor type—should study this booklet which treats of the four functions which a lubricating oil should perform, and describes the reasons why a car owner should change the oil in his engine at regular periods. Also takes up the question of fleet lubrication service, tells briefly of Valvoline work in this field, and describes the manner in which improved engine design and construction made necessary the improvement in lubricants. Recounts the destructive effects of dust on the engine and lists the special oils that have been engineered by this company to meet present day demands. Complete chart indicates lubricants for use on all the wearing parts of most passenger car, truck, bus or avaidion engines.

CARRY LUBRICATION SERVICE TO FIELD—Gray Company, Minneapolis, Minn. (39 pp., illustrated.) The necessity for heavy-duty road equipment, tractors, trucks and the like, is imperative. At no time more than during these war days, when every workable bit of equipment must be maintained at its most productive level, is this true. Drivers of trucks and other motor-driven equipment are, however, disposed to avoid trips to service stations, since it cuts into the time that could be used for "pay" loads. The answer to this difficulty is — Take the service station to the drivers! The folder here listed is descriptive of an assemblage of time-tested equipment gathered together to achieve this end.

HEAVY-DUTY OIL FOR FLEET OPERATORS—Standard Oil Company (Ind.) Chicago, Ill. (Illustrated folder.) A new, low-rate-oxidizing motor oil, engineered to withstand the higher temperatures generated in the modern internal combustion engine, is described in this illustrated folder. But because of war time restrictions on output, this new high duty lubricant is for the time being available only to fleet operators. Known as Stanolube H-D, this new heat-proofed oil is said to have valuable detergent, or cleaning, qualities, to eliminate "varnish" on pistons, to remove already accumulated sludge, and to be especially valuable in preventing "scuffing" of rings and pistons when breaking in new or reconditioned engines.

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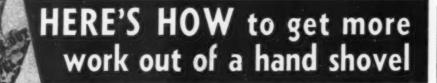
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Page 108—CONSTRUCTION METHODS—October 1942

Frank. Mfr., Clayton, New York. (33 pp., illustrated.) Any blocked road can be a stoppage in the smooth flow of production. To aid in keeping roads open, the makers of Frink Sno-Plows have issued a binder which lists, in convenient form, the various parts of their equipment, designating each by name and number for easier ordering.

Air Compressors

GARDNER-DENVER COMPANY, Quincy, 111. (20 pp., illustrated.) In order to insure a more perfect and error-free operation of their compressors, this company has issued an instruction booklet to give owners full instructions as to how best to start their "WB" line.

DAVEY COMPRESSOR CO., Kent, Ohio. (Book-lets and separate illustrated folders.) The advantages in economy and utility of having your air compressor mounted on a separate truck (or tractor), rather than on a skid or trailer, are described. Compiles a list of items that should be watched if the equipment is to do its part in conserving metals and manufacturing man-hours.

CEMENT HANDLING ON THE JOB — Blaw-Knox Division of Blaw-Knox Co., Allegheny County, Penna. (30 pp. illustrated.) Loose-leaf booklet describes in adequate detail the erection, operation, adjustment lubrication, maintenance and dismantling of portable bulk cement plant. Gives complete directions for accomplishing each step in setting up and operating both the 30- and 50-ton per hr. cement elevators and adjuncts.

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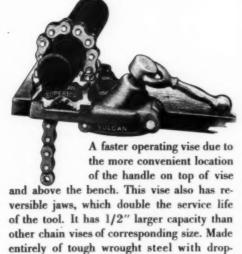
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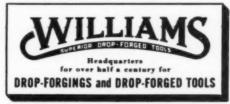
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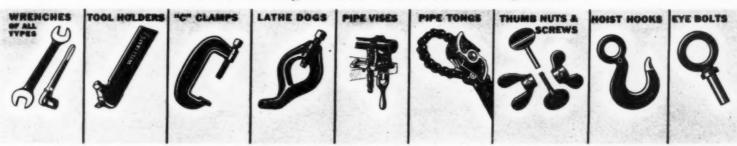


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New Technique Speeds Fillet Welding

IMPROVED METHODS OF WELDING horizontal fillets and fillets positioned for down-hand welding make it possible to increase welding speed as much as 100 percent over conventional procedure, according to information from the Lincoln Electric Co., Cleveland, Ohio, describing its new Fleet-Fillet technique. By using recommended electrodes of shielded-arc type, holding the electrodes at an angle different from the conventional position, stepping up the rate of electrode travel and employing generally higher currents, an operator can greatly increase production of fillet welds. Welds so made are said to contain less deposited metal but possess strength equal or superior to heavier fillets welded by ordinary methods. Deeper penetration at the corner of the weld into the parent metal of the two plates being joined increases the depth of the effective throat of the weld and produces high strength with less weld

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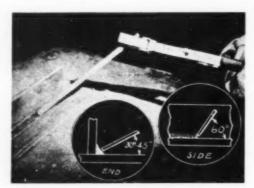
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technique depends on all the factors mentioned in the preceding paragraph, but the fundamental principle consists in holding the electrode at the proper angle. Accompanying illustrations provide a comparison of the angles at which electrodes are held under both the conventional and the new procedures.

In conventional welding practice, the



IN CONVENTIONAL FILLET WELDING, operator holds electrode at angle of 30 to 45 deg, with horizontal plate and at about 60 deg, with line of weld.

electrode is held at about 45 deg. with the horizontal plate and at about 60 deg. with the line of the weld, with the end pointing backward. The arc is kept short, but the travel speed generally is so slow that the electrode must be held out from the two plates to keep the end of the electrode from dipping into the molten pool.

According to the Fleet-Fillet technique, the average position of the electrode is at about 90 deg. with the line of the weld and at 45 to 60 deg. with the horizontal plate. The arc is so short that the coating on the electrode practi-



FOR FASTER WELDING by Fleet-Fillet technique, electrode is held at 45 to 60 deg. with horizontal plate and at about 90 deg. with line of weld.

cally touches the plate. Lightly resting the coating against both plates is not objectionable. If the coating is forced against the plates, a rough bead is likely to result.

In making multiple-pass fillet welds by the new technique, beads are laid from the bottom upward to provide flat

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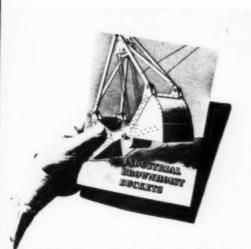
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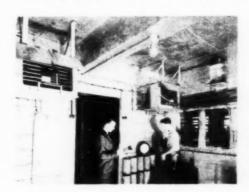
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horizontal surfaces upon which to place succeeding beads, permitting higher currents and faster welding. The slag is left on the bead to provide a dam which will keep the metal from running off while the next bead is being laid. Slag is not removed until a layer of beads has been completed. The new technique of building up'a multiplepass horizontal fillet reverses the procedure of the conventional method by which the beads are laid from the top downward.

Data released by the Lincoln Electric Co. indicate that for single fillet welds the improved technique permits increases in welding speed up to 100 percent over conventional procedure, provided higher currents and recommended electrodes are used in the proper manner. Smaller speed increases are reported for the new procedure when it is applied with currents no higher than those ordinarily used in welding by the conventional method.

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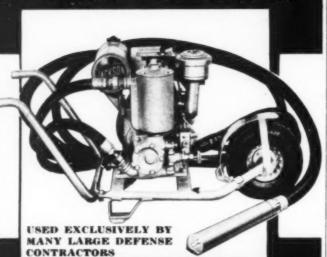
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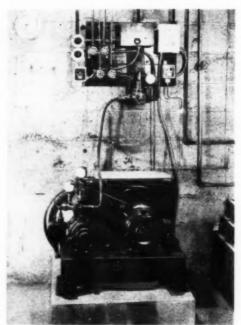
TRIMO PIPE CUTTER

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ing Laboratory, Pittsburgh, Pa., however, refrigeration helps to maintain an atmosphere like that of a very sticky day in June. In this room, where concrete cylinders and building blocks are cured for periods ranging anywhere from 7 to 28 days prior to being tested for quality, strength, and durability, it has been necessary to maintain the temperature at 70 deg. F., +or-3 deg. and the humidity at never less than 90 percent.

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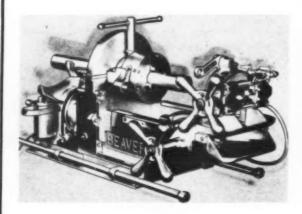
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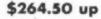
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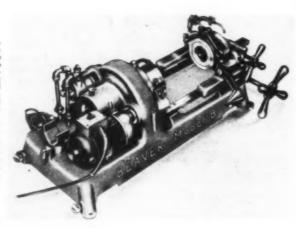
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Pitfalls in Bidding

Address at meeting of American Road Builders' Association by Walter C. Sadler, Professor of Civil Engineering, University of Michigan, and Mayor, Ann Arbor, Mich.

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Supervisory Engineers and Public Officials

There is a basic rule in the field of agency that the principal is liable for the act of his agent. The application of this rule is extended to include those unauthorized acts of the agent which are necessarily implied as an incident to the contract itself, and also to those unauthorized acts wherein the agent had the apparent authority of the principal General contractors may be confronted with these types of problems in the purchase of equipment and supplies. There is, however, another branch of this law involving more difficult and certainly more troublesome features. Consider the situation where a contract calls for the handling of grading material in a certain manner. As the work progresses it may become evident that a change in the plans would prove a distinct saving to either the client or the contractor. Verbal agreements for changing the contract in the field between the contractor's superintendent and the engineering representative of the client are extremely dangerous and of decidedly doubtful legal standing.

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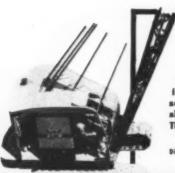
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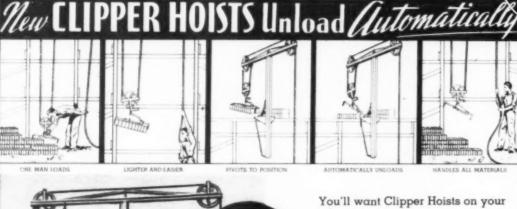
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on the Vermont Central Railroad, wherein the resident engineer authorized a substantial change in the grading contract. He directed the contractor to move waste excavation material to a distant fill and promised to make payment through the normal overhaul classification of the contract. The ensuing litigation never turned on the merits or the expediency of the altered contract, but was decided against the contractor on the narrow but effective grounds that no agent (in this case a resident engineer) has the authority to write a new contract. Modern contractors are quite appreciative of these basic facts and yet we still find litigation today involving large sums of money hinging upon this identical point.

Dangers of Illegal Contracts

The very orderly procedure in letting general contracts under federal government and state highway department supervision may preclude incipient litigation of the following type. However, over-enthusiastic contractors trying to close up jobs with county road commissioners, township supervisors, or common councils of small cities, may easily jeopardize their entire agreement by proceeding on an illegal contract. As you fully appreciate, the law is most severe in its limitation upon the authority of public officials. A contractor relying upon the unauthorized act of a public official positively does so at his own peril. For instance, more than sixty years ago a contractor by the name of McDonald spread gravel surfacing on one of the streets here in New York City, upon the personal authorization of the superintendent of streets. The law required that such a job could be contracted for through sealed bids, resolution of the common council, or certain emergency powers of the superintendent of streets. The Mc-Donald contract met none of these requirements, and the job has never been paid for to this day ..

Litigation on U.S. Contract

Another case is of a contractor who failed to put in piling of that length required by the contract for the construction of a dry dock for the United States Navy. The Navy had an inspector on the job throughout the work, and he approved the work as done. A board of Navy Department engineers, of the highest rank, inspected the work upon completion and accepted the same for the United States Government. Later the dry dock settled and ceased to be water-tight, with the result that a general reconstruction of the entire work was found to be necessary, at an added expenditure of \$171,360. In an action for recovery of this large sum of money, the United States maintained that the work was not done according to contract. The contractor set up the defense that this work had been inspected and approved by all representatives of the United States Navy and that such action should be binding upon the United States Government. While a district court decided in favor of the contractor, the circuit court

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of appeals reversed the decision. It held that the employees of the United States Navy, irrespective of rank, had no authority to accept workmanship inferior to the requirements of the contract under which they were working.

These cases may seem extremely simple from the legal point of view, and they possibly are, but this type of litigation continues to find its way into the courts year after year and certainly is a matter which goes to the heart of the contract. Supervisory officials in construction companies should ever be alert to the basic legality of the contract itself.

Independent Contractor vs. Servant Relationship

Under the common law, the client has no liability for the negligent act of an independent contractor who does work for him, while there would be full liability if client's servant did that same work. The distinction between the two lies in the control. If the client has control, the independent contractor becomes a mere servant; while if the client merely specifies the result, the control lies wholly within the independent contractor. While it may be beyond the province of this paper to analyze this situation in detail, a very convincing argument can be developed to the effect that the general policy in drawing up a contract and specifications should relate to the object to be obtained, leaving the means and methods of doing the work to the contractor.

Let us examine the significance of this matter to the preparation of a bid. Consider for a moment a contract for the placing of asphaltic concrete, with most exacting details of temperature control, plus regulations as to mix and placing. Then on top of everything, there may be a requirement for 5-yr. guarantee of satisfactory service. A bidder may well examine the details of regulation and control to satisfy himself that they are not of such a nature as to jeopardize the accomplishment of the 5-yr. satisfactory service. And a very real factor may lie in the political angle, for the passage of 5 yr. can easily see that change of political control whereby some future self-seeking politician may press for personal advantage, by charging unsatisfactory service. The estimator should appreciate that these factors are all part of the picture.

A Strong Defense

Incidentally, if a contractor is faced with litigation for a breach on the 5-yr. guarantee, a strong defense may be set up in two ways. Establish by expert testimony that the design requirements of the specifications were responsible for the road failure, that it was impracticable to carry out the minute details of the specifications and insure a satisfactory result; and in short, that the contractor lost his characteristic of an independent contractor and became a mere servant in this matter, with no responsibility for the guarantee clause. Another strong defense might well turn on the changed traffic conditions incidental to



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the new road, which were so greatly increased as to be a heavily contributing factor in the ultimate failure; and since the contractor had no control over the same, nor had any way of anticipating them from the terms of the contract, he should not be held liable under the guarantee.

Raising Engineering Standards

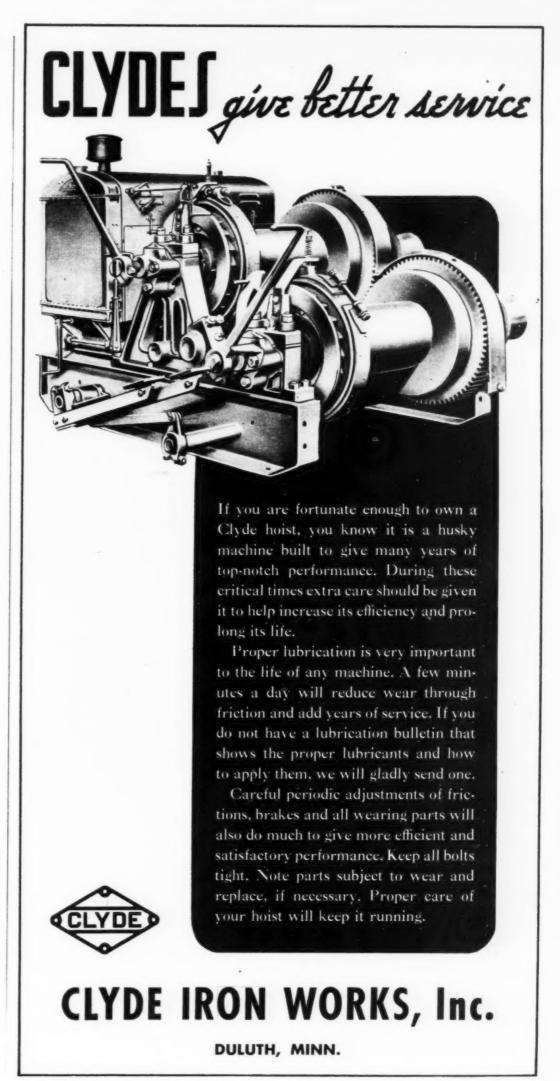
The founder societies, such as the American Society of Civil Engineers, have tried to raise the standards of the engineering profession through their society codes of ethics and their personally sponsored state statutes for the required registration of designing engineers. I think that it is fortunate for the client that the design has been completely divorced from the contracting profession, and I also believe the engineering profession should be sufficiently skilled in its design, and have sufficient confidence in its ability in design and supervision of construction, so that it could completely eliminate these 5-yr. performance bonds. The estimator for the contractor should know the general philosophy of the law on these matters, and understand this legal significance of a set of contracts and specifications as he prepares his bid.

Arbitration

Many contracts contain arbitration clauses, which are so worded as to bind the parties on a contractual basis. These usually take one of the following two forms; first,"the engineer shall be the sole arbitrator and his decision in all matters of controversy shall be final." The second form may provide, "in all cases of controversy, a board of three arbitrators shall be established, each party appointing one member and these two selecting the third, submission and the subsequent validating of the award of the board to be performed by a court of appropriate jurisdiction. Speaking frankly, this first form indicates cold and harsh attitude on the part of the client and his engineer; and the contractor's estimator should be very careful that the bid is properly planned and adjusted to cope with such conditions. This first type is clearly intended to place the interpretation of the contract within the control of one party, and that is a particularly vicious form of adjudication. In fact that type of reference may generally be broken on the legal grounds of usurping the rights of the courts, but this is expensive and irksome.

Contrasted with the above first plan, the parties may reduce their differences to writing and then submit the same to a court asking the court to approve their respective nominations for the board, and to direct the board to proceed to a decision. After the hearings have been held, and the deliberations are complete, the board should submit its sealed opinion to the court to obtain a court order directing that the award of the board be executed. This has a full legal status. A somewhat less formal procedure is available, where

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the parties are on fully friendly terms. In this situation the parties make their submission to their mutually agreed board and contract to abide by the award. This should meet the requirements of most controversies, but if either party desires to renege he can, thereby throwing the entire controversy into the court for review. The selection of an arbitrator trained in both construction and the law appears most desirable, where possible.

Conclusion

It is probable that the preparation of bids for all types of construction are tempered with judgment. This is the intangible phase of the bid and is governed in no small amount by the experience of the contractor. In other words, the cold figures of the estimate are adjusted by features peculiar to the entire situation. This will include the availability of other jobs, the probable keenness of competition, the stability of the labor and material market and the availability of an organization to prosecute the job in question. However, it is quite probable that the legal significance of many uncertainties in the future contract should be carefully analyzed in molding into the general bid those features of overhead expense indicated by some of the points raised in this analysis. In most cases a casual knowledge of the basic law is amply sufficient to guide the estimator, and this knowledge can easily be acquired by a small amount of thoughtful reading. In other cases advice of legal counsel is quite important, and should be obtained before. rather than after, the difficulty has arisen.



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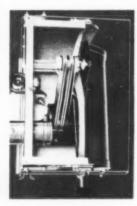
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Practical Hints for Tractor-Scraper Operators

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"First, when you thread cable through sheaves such as power control unit sheaves, take a piece of baling wire and tie on the end of the cable. Thread the wire through the sheaves first, and then pull your cable through with the wire. I'm sure you won't have any trouble and can do it a lot faster and easier. Keep all the kinks and twists out of your cable.

"Second, always use gloves in handling cable, because you are liable to stick a cable burr in your hand. One of our men here a while back stuck a cable burr in his finger and got it infected. He had to lay off for a month. Cable burrs are very dangerous, so be careful when handling cables.

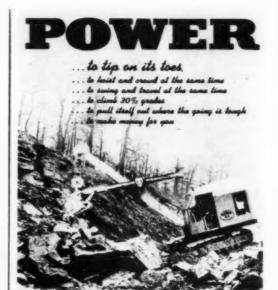
"Third, when adjusting master clutches always kill your motor first. I have seen guys tighten them with the motor running, but they were taking big chances. I know. I used to do it that way myself until one day I got the wrench knocked out of my hand and my finger nearly broken. From then on I kill my motor before adjusting the clutch. It only takes a minute or two to start the motor and is liable to save you a broken hand or finger.

"Fourth, always be careful when winding cable up on the power control unit drums. Don't get in too big of a hurry, and don't be careless. Take your time and wind the cable on straight and even.

"Back in 1939 there was a man working with me who was very careless, always taking chances. One day he was winding cable on the power control unit drum and got his hand caught between the cable and drum. It pulled his whole arm in up to the shoulder, broke his arm in two places and cut one finger off. He was laid off for over a year. So you see, fellows, it doesn't pay to be careless and take chances.

"Fifth, always keep plenty of play in your power control unit levers-both hoist and dump levers-to avoid heating. I always keep about 6 in. play in my levers from where they are in neutral to where they start to engage. Also on the 'dozer.

"Always keep the cables running straight and even on your drums for longer cable life and easier on you."



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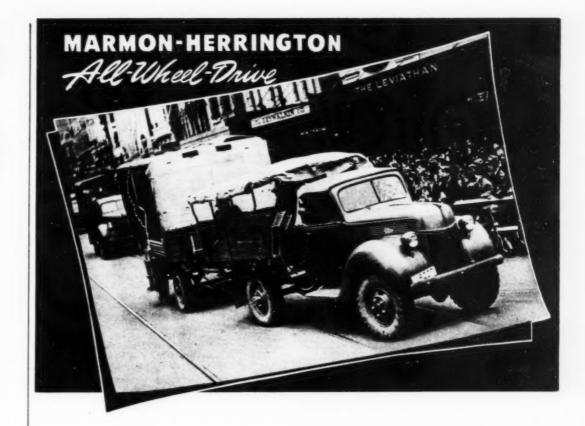
PORCELAIN PROTECTED WIRING — Porcelain Products, Inc., Findlay, Ohio. (32 pp., illustrated.) Pc-ket-size installation manual and data book gives complete information on porcelain-protected knob and tube wiring specified in list issued by Army and Navy Munitions Board for government projects and made applicable to all other public and private construction by WPB directive. Booklet tells where to use porcelain-protected wiring and gives 1940 National Electrical Code requirements and common construction details for this type of installation.

ASPHALT PAVEMENT — The Asphalt Institute, 801 Second Ave., New York, N.Y. (10 pp., illustrated.) Information Series No. 49, "Transportation Shortages Affect Asphalt Pavement Design," shows how redesign of pavement structures may be made without sacrificing advantages inherent in normal asphalt construction procedure. Included are "Specifications for Constructing Mechanically Stabilized and Prime Coated SubBase for Asphalt Pavements or Surface Treatments," developed jointly by Army's Corps of Engineers, Civil Aeronautics Administration and Public Roads Administration.

GLUED WOOD CONSTRUCTION—J. F. Laucks. Inc., Maritime Bldg., Seattle, Wash. (4 pp., illustrated) "Laucks Glues for War" describes how wood and glue are alternating for steel in prefabricated housing, airplanes, ships, and laminated beams and arches. Booklet also shows simplified methods of glue mixing and application.

SPRAY NOZZLES—Chain Belt Co., 1600 W. Bruce St., Milwaukee, Wis. (6-pp., illustrated.) Folder, Bulletin No. 409, describes and illustrates uses of spray nozzles for washing, cleaning, cooling and descaling. Nozzle is described as non-clogging device which throws flat fan-like, hard hitting spray with such force that it removes dirt and grit from most irregular surfaces. Originally developed for cleaning traveling water screens, spray nozzle has since been adapted for many other purposes, such as washing stone and gravel.

CLEANING OF INDUSTRIAL FLOORS—The Magnus Chemical Company, Inc., Garwood, N.J., (24-p. bulletin.) Written not only from the viewpoint of cleaning floors for personnel safety by the elimination of greasy, slippery floors, but from that of cleaning floors for longer floor life, it provides the one in charge of floor maintenance with a guide to the selection of the proper type of cleaning material best suited to his floors. The bulletin covers the cleaning of practically every type of flooring material used in all types of buildings, from industrial plants to hotels, public buildings and institutions. Among the types of floors discussed are: concrete, wood, painted, or varnished, linoleum, cork tile, rubber and terrazzo. Some of the other subjects are headed: "Why Clean Floors?" "The General Problem of Floor Cleaning," "What Does a Floor Cleaner Have to Do?" "Suspension of Dirt" and "Rinsing."



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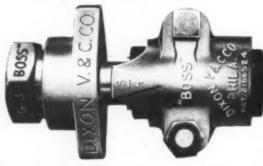
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EXTRUDED PLASTICS—R. D. Werner Co., Inc., 380 Second Avenue, New York, N. Y. (15 pp., illustrated.) Use of plastics as substitutes for critical materials is briefly covered in book suggesting possible applications and giving data on maximum, minimum and stock shapes for rods, tubes. flat and decorative strips, angles, molding and trims. Table presenting general physical proper-ties of various plastics is included.

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VIBRATING SCREENS — Robins Conveying Belt Co., Passaic, N. J., (12 pp. illustrated). Describes and illustrates line of Vibrex screens available to users in two styles, M and J. Former is larger, heavier screen for floor or suspended mounting with single or multiple decks; latter is smaller and lighter screen for suspended mounting and, in standard construction, for single deck only. Lists features and advantages of each style, gives tables to dimensions and devotes two pages to description of contractor's screen, special adaption of style "J" Vibrex, double deck unit made in one size only (16x36 in.). Said to be especially adapted for use at roadside contractors' plants and all work of similar character.



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MODERN EXCAVATOR — Trackson Co., Milwaukee, Wis. (8 pp., illustrated). "Let's Dig In and Win" is title of pictorial bulletin featuring use of Traxcavators, heavy-duty tractor excavating and loading machines, digging and moving earth for construction of airports, defense plants, oil pipe lines, defense housing and highways; for maintenance work on railroads, digging in clay pits and kindred operations. Included are mechanical views and specifications of three models, T2, T4 and T7, and action pictures showing Traxcavator mounted on track-type tractors digging in tough soils, loading excavated material directly into trucks and wagons, carrying loads to hauling units, and piling, casting, spreading and backfilling—one machine for a variety of jobs.



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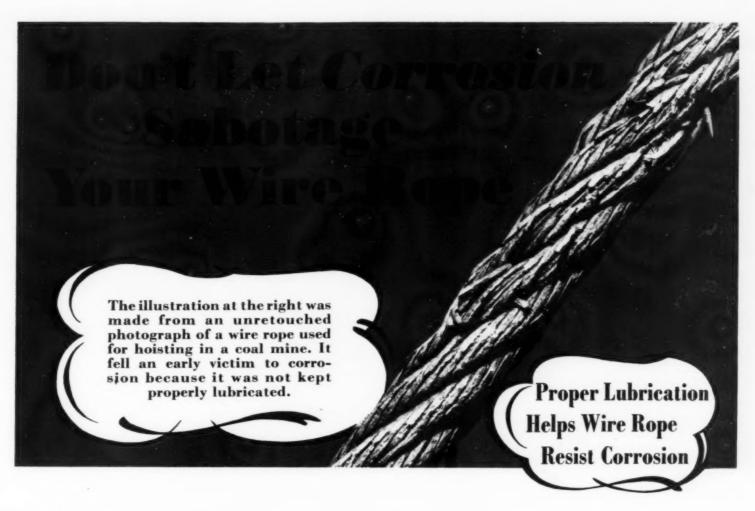
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20-ft. driveway from the shop building is another brick and steel building which is used as a warehouse for storage of repaired equipment.

Shop Facilities

The shop facilities include three electric welding machines, gas welding units and cutting machines, preheating oven, forge and blacksmithing equipment, lathes, drill presses, key milling machine, valve grinding and resurfacing unit, a set of rolls, a brake, shear, hydraulic press, grinders and compressors. With this equipment we have been able to dismantle completely and rebuild machines from 3/4-hr. gas engines up to 3-yd. capacity power shovels and a 4,000-lb. batch asphalt plant. At the present time we are rebuilding blacktop pavers, truck mixers, pumps and oil distributors, for the U.S. Engineer Department. We are also running compressors, concrete mixers and conveyors, through the shop for customers.

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Contractor's Central Shop Maintains and Repairs Earth-Moving Equipment

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the hub and spokes. New rims of manganese steel are kept on hand.

The procedure is to lay the old sprocket or idler wheel down on a table, bolt it through the center, and fasten it with lugs at three points along its periphery. Then the old spokes are burned through at a point to match the replacement rim, the old rim is removed and the new one placed in position. The spokes are welded into place, after which the wheel is placed on an arbor and the welding job completed. In

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May the wreath we have won never wither!

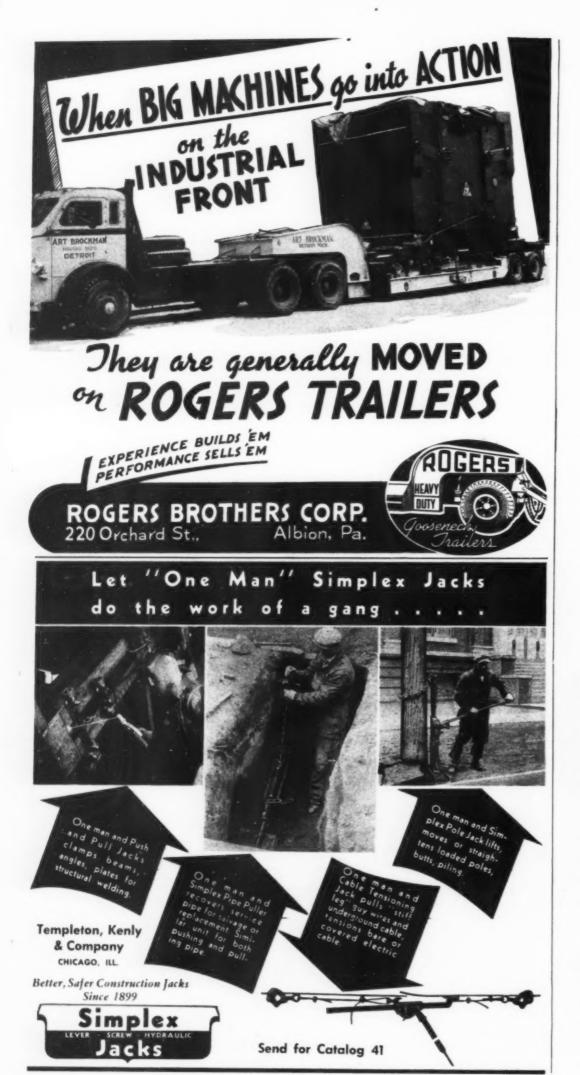


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building up idler wheels and track runners, too, a good job of welding is all that's necessary; grinding has been eliminated.

Thorough Inspection Necessary

While the machine is down, every point is checked. Shepard has found that the biggest cause of premature failure of a machine following an overhaul is failure to inspect it thoroughly. The engine is gone over completely. If necessary, new cylinder liners are installed. Nowadays, they usually have the top ring groove and the land machined to accommodate a wider piston ring. They used to replace the piston; now, they're too hard to get. Every bearing is checked. Roller bearings frequently need setting up; failure to do this means a breakdown a short time later and an expensive replacement.

Typical Repair Jobs

On a typical day the shop men will be tearing down two or three rollers. Here, too, parts that used to be thrown away are rebuilt and will see many more hours of service. A typical repair job is on the differential pinion gear of a roller which has suffered the loss of a few teeth. A template is made to match the pitch of the mating gear, and the missing teeth are built up. Similarly, all the teeth on the bull pinion gear may be built up again to their original pitch, then finished with a hand grinder, saving long weeks of delay in securing a new gear.

Worn shafts are likewise built up, then sent out for turning down in a job shop. So far, the company has found it preferable to farm out machine work.

Preformed Wire Rope Used

Scrapers, although ruggedly fabricated of heavy plate, need thorough overhauling from time to time. The bowl may become misaligned, the cutting edge may become worn, and other parts may need repairs. So the scraper is torn down completely, and it's not unusual to fabricate an entire new bowl of plow steel. All points are checked and necessary welding is done, sheaves are removed and re-bushed, if necessary, and the wire rope is checked. Ordinarily the sheave grooves are in fairly good condition, for the company has standardized on preformed wire rope as a preventive maintenance measure. With the older type of cable, they have found that broken ends tend to "porcupine" away from the body of the rope, chewing up the grooves, which in turn wears the cable still faster. Preformed wire rope, on the other hand, has been found to resist bending fatigue longer. And when the wires finally do break, they lie flat to the body of the rope, and the cable runs over the sheaves smoothly.

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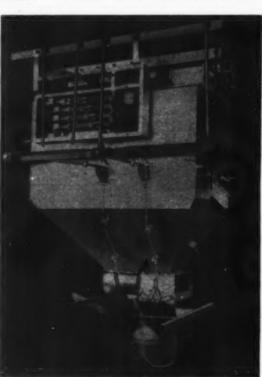
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hard on cable; many are rigged with reverse bends and small sheaves, with the result that bending stresses are at a maximum. Preformed rope, in which the wires forming it are relieved of internal stresses, is said to resist this type of fatigue much longer. This factor saves valuable time on the job which otherwise would be lost in re-outfitting the cable.

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perature, otherwise the brakes might drag.

Major Adjustment

Before adjusting the brake shoes to their final operating clearance, remove all traces of rough or high spots on the lining (Fig. 11). A brake shoe adjustment gage (Figs. 9 and 12) should be used to check the concentricity of the brake lining with the drum.

The following procedure for making major brake shoe adjustments must be applied after relining brake shoes (Fig. 13), after removing shoes for any pur-

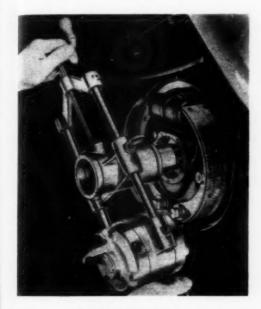


Fig. 11 . . . NEW BRAKE LINING is ground with special tool to remove high or rough spots and make lining as concentric as possible with brake drum.

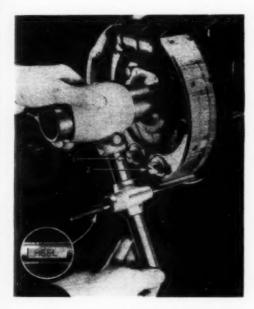


Fig. 12... FOR MAJOR BRAKE ADJUSTMENT. michor bolts at heels of brake shoes are loosened antil arrows (1 and 2) or other indicating marks ing. 14) point toward each other. Anchor bolts hen are turned in directions shown by rotation may be decrease clearance between brake lining and brake drum at heels of brake shoes. To heck this clearance, linger of brake shoe gage into its set with "heel" in position shown, and brake shoe heels are adjusted until linger just contacts lining.

pose and after replacing or resurfacing the brake drums:

(1) REMOVE THE WHEEL AND HUB.

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- (2) REMOVE BRAKE SHOE RE-TURN SPRINGS and test the spring tension by comparing with a new spring.
- (3) INSPECT LINING FOR EX-POSED RIVET HEADS, abnormal wear

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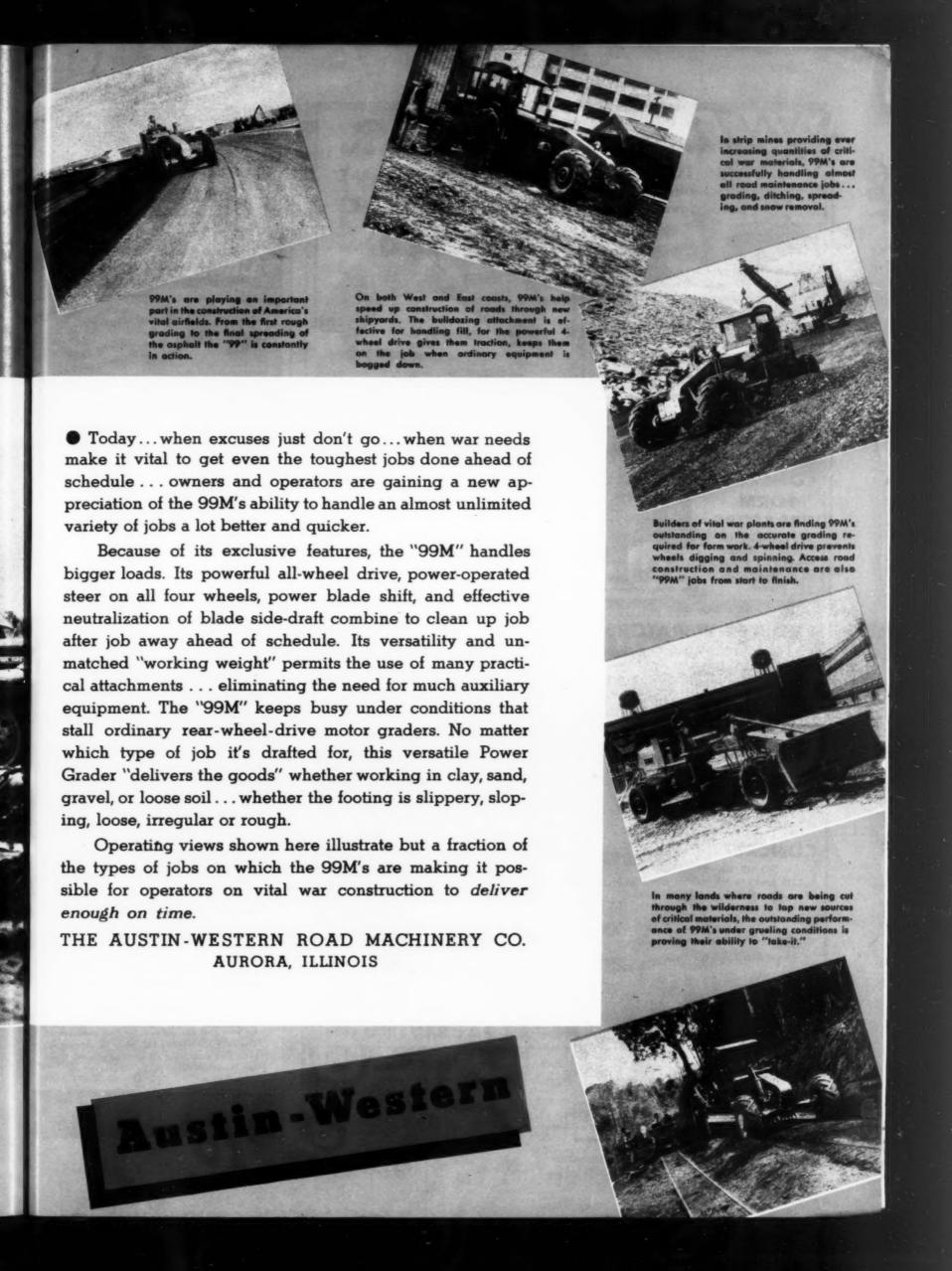


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Fig. 13 . . . APPLYING NEW FACING to brake shoe, special tool stretches lining and presses it into close fit against metal to assure overall contact and concentricity of lining with shoe.

(Continued from page 135) and glazed braking surface; check also for uniform material on opposite wheel.

(4) INSPECT BRAKE DRUMS for concentricity, scoring and grease.

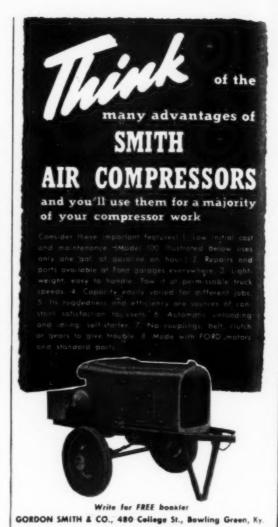
(5) INSTALL BRAKE SHOE RETURN SPRINGS and set cams in released position.

(6) CHECK THE INSIDE DIAM-ETER of the brake drums with the brake drum gage. Set the brake shoe gage arbor (Fig. 12) so that the finger marked "drum diameter" is just in contact with the point of the brake drum gage pin. Place the proper adapter bushing on the spindle or axle shaft and slide the brake shoe gage over the adapter bushing.



Fig. 14 . . . CENTER PUNCH MARKS on these brake shoe anchor bolts must point toward each other before adjustment of brake shoe heels is made. Arrows here again indicate direction of bolt rotation to decrease clearance between heels and brake drum.

(7) PLACE THE GAGE on the point marked "heel" (Fig. 12) and loosen the brake shoe anchor bolt nuts. On. Models WC and WD an arrow is stamped on the anchor bolts, but on all other models a center punch mark appears (Fig. 14)., If the arrows or center punch marks on





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- (8) Move the arbor of the gage to the point marked "toe" (Fig. 9) and check the clearance between the lining and drum at the toe of the brake shoe. Turn the toe adjusting cam (Fig. 9) until the lining at the toe of the brake shoe just contacts the gage arbor. The toe of the shoe is then properly adjusted with .012-in. clearance between the lining and drum.
- (9) RECHECK THE CLEARANCE first at the heel and then at the toe to make sure no change has occurred in either adjustment, and tighten the anchor bolt nuts securely.
- (10) INSTALL WHEEL AND HUB ASSEMBLIES.
- (11) CHECK AND REFILL the master cylinder reservoir with brake fluid.

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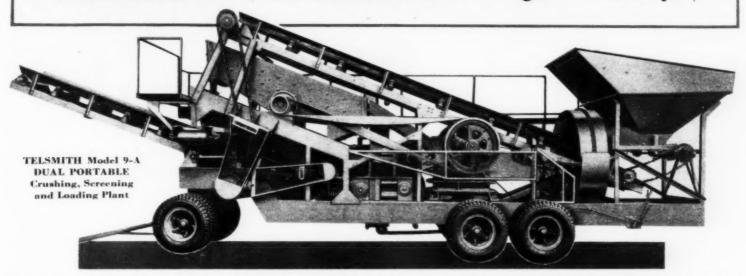
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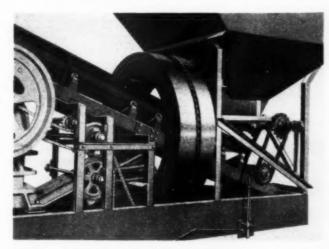
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